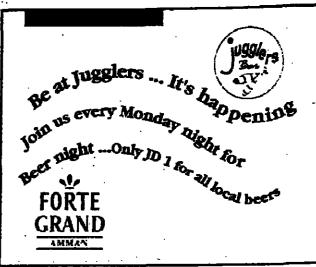
Belgian official arrives for talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jos Chabert, vice president of the Brussels capital government in Belgium, arrived in Amman' Sunday on a week-long visit to Jordan. Mr. Chabert is scheduled to hold talks with the ministers of industry and trade, youth and tourism and could be received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein, the Belgian embassy in Amman said. The Belgian official, who leaves Amman on Oct. 8, was expected to review Jordanian-Belgian relations and cooperation in industrial and trade affairs. Industry and Trade Minister Rima Khalaf Huneidi received the visiting Belgian official at the airport.





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Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali answers a with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir question to a joint press conference he held Mohammad on Sunday (Petra photo)

Israel shows more logic in border talks —Majali

Israel accepts Jordanian sovereignty over northern plot, prime minister says GCC move to end partial boycott of Israel positive but needs Arab endorsement

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan has found Israel's response to the Kingdom's demands for the eturn of Jordanian land as "logical and acceptable," and that the Jewish state has also agreed to recognise Jordamian sovereignty over a plot of land near the convergence of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers in the north, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said Sunday.

The prime minister also welcomed as positive a decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members to end the secondary and tertiary extensions of the Arab boycott of Israel but said the move should be endorsed by the Arab League.

"I think it is a positive move, but it has to be confirmed by the Arab League because the decision of boycott was that of the Arab League," said the prime

minister. The issue "will be discussed in the very near

Dr. Majali, addressing a ioint press conference with Malaysian Prime Minister appeared to leave the door open for possible leasing of land along the borders to Israel after the Kingdom and Israel demarcate their bound-

The prime minister's comments came two days after His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said after a summit meeting in Aqaba that "several issues remain to be resolved" in Jordanian-Israeli peace negotiations.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan is scheduled to meet with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at the White House on Monday and it is expected that Israel would announce its intention in principle to withdraw from Jordanian territories it has occupied since 1948.

Jordan Times on Saturday, Dr. Majali said Israel had expressed its readiness to withdraw from Jordanian territory after delineating the drawn up. But, he said, no date has been set for an Israeli withdrawal "because the process had to be finalised in the right perspective."

Dr. Majali told Sunday's

In an interview with the

press conference that at the Agaba summit, "we thought that their (Israel's) understanding of our position and our interpretation of the delineation of borders is quite logical and acceptable," Dr. Majali said. "But to turn that delineation into demarcation

is going to take a long time." Both sides have agreed to "continue the serious (negotiations) because for us this is very sérious," Dr. Majali "In principle, we will never give up an inch of our territories, whatever the case

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Mahathir describes visit as fruitful, upbeat on cooperation

- By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad on Sunday capped his first visit to Jordan with the signing of several agreements on cooperation and expressing confidence that trade and economic ties between the two countries would continue to grow.

Dr. Mahathir also said he found the conditions in Jordan to be quite conducive to investments and voiced hope that Malaysian businessmen would bring in capital to the Kingdom after being familiarised with the incentives that the government offers to foreign investors.

The Malaysian premier's talks here also covered the setting up of Jordanian and Malaysian embassies in each other's capitals. "It is only a matter of time" before the missions are established, Dr. Mahathir said.

Addressing a joint press conference with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Dr. Mahathir reaffirmed his country's political stand vis-avis Israel and the status of Jérusalem. He said Kuala Lûmpur would not extend recognition to the Jewish tate until a Middle East eace settlement satisfactory

the Arabs was reached. "Malaysia will not recoge Israel until we consider it Israel has fulfilled all the igations in the peace pro-

cess with its Arab neighbours," he said. "Once the Arab neighbours are satisfied by the response and the actions of Israel then Malaysia will take its own decision with regard to recognising Israel."

On Jerusalem, he said, the stand of Malaysia, a member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, "is the same as the attitude of the Arab countries.'

"We have always supported Jordan's stand on Jerusalem and the Palestinians' stand on Jerusalem," he said. "We would of course. like our people be allowed to visit... Al Aqsa.'

Once restrictions on access to Jerusalem are removed, Dr. Mahathir said, Malaysians would like to visit the Holy City.

Dr. Mahathir described his visit to the Kingdom as a "success and fruitful" and "extremely worthwhile for Malaysia and, hopefully, for

Noting that the two sides had several accords during his visit, Dr. Mahathir expressed confidence that "folowing upon this visit and meetings within the private sector, there will be a great deal of activity in trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and Malaysia."

The four accords, as outlined in a joint statement (see page 3), include a broad agreement on economic, technical, scientific and cultu-

ral cooperation, another on

trade agreement and an in-

'We came here fully believing that there are opportunities for investments here," said Mr. Mahathir, who is accompanied by a large delegation of Malaysian businessmen. "I must confess that after having come to Jordan, the situation here is much more conducive to in-

vestment. "I believe that this is also the feeling of our businessmen. However, we need to know more details of the law with regard to investment by foreign companies as well as whatever incentives and conditions that are considered suitable by the Jordanian government. Once we get these details, I think invest-

ments should follow." "The sky is the limit," said the Malaysian premier when asked whether any ceiling was set for Jordanian-

Malaysian trade. Dr. Majali also described Dr. Mahathir's visit to Jordan as of "great importance," particularly that the Middle East is expected to witness a major boom in regional development after the peace process produces security and stability in the region.

"We will try to promote trade as much as possible," said Dr. Mahathir, "I think there is room, quite a great

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Crown Prince, Peres meet ahead of White House talks

Jordan and Israel say progress made but peace accord needs more work

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Sunday met in New York with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres ahead of another meeting scheduled for today (Monday) at the White House hosted by President Bill Clinton.

Jordan Television said Prince Hassan and Mr. Peres discussed developments in the Middle East peace process and efforts exerted to

support it.

The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, the King's military secretary, the King's political advisor Marwan Al Qassem, Information Minister Jawad Al Anani, Transport Minister Samir Kawar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan and Jordanian Ambassador in Washington Fayez

Tarawneh. On the Israeli side, the meeting was attended by several senior officials. Earlier in the day, the

Crown Prince refused to speculate on whether Jordan and Israel would sign a peace treaty this year.

"I don't want to get into the business of raising ex-pectations... But I would say that 1994 is the threshold year," he said, responding to a query on when a peace

CAIRO (Agencies) — The

Arab League said on Sunday

that a decision by six Gulf states to relax a 47-year-old

economic boycott of Israel

Israel was imposed by a deci-

sion taken by the Arab

League Council and it is up to

it to call it off," a statement

by the Cairo-based Arab

holds the full authority in this

matter and based on that the

Arab boycott (of Israel) is

continuing as long as the council does not decide on

taking the necessary proce-

dures to end the boycott," it

Six Gulf states, including

Saudi Arabia, said on Friday

they were ending their

boycott of companies that

trade with Israel in a move

they said was aimed at mark-

ing progress in the Middle

Council (GCC) countries also

said they would support any

move within the Arab

League to abolish a ban on

direct trading with Israel if

this was sponsored by an

Arab party taking part in the

The Gulf Cooperation

East peace talks.

peace talks.

"The League Council

"The Arab boycott of

was invalid.

League said.

added.

League rejects

GCC's decision

treaty would be signed.

He indicated that "substantial progress" has been made in the last year towards

an agreement between the

two countries. Asked if new progress was expected to be announced on water rights and border issues, the Crown Prince said, "I don't think we would be talking if there were no

Monday's White House session would come a year after the first meeting between the Crown Prince and Mr. Peres, hosted by Mr. Clinton when the U.S.-Jordan-Israel Trilateral Committee was established on Oct. 1, 1993.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stressed Sunday that "differences remain" between Israel and Jordan in the attempt to draw up a border, officials said.

Mr. Rabin told the weekly cabinet meeting that the bor-der dispute had not been settled when he and His Majesty King Hussein met at Agaba, said the officials who refused to be named.

Nonetheless, ministers were optimistic that the differences would be overcome and a peace treaty eventually

"What counts is that we are heading towards a peace agreement with Jordan," Agriculture Minister Yaakov Zur said after the meeting.

Talaat Hamed, spokesman

for Arab League Secretary

General Esmat Abdul

Meguid, said in a statement

the Arab League would only

review the boycott under the

should ask that the boycott

clause be included on the

agenda of the league's next

opens the way for multina-tional companies to invest in

Israel, political and business

for foreign investment in

Israel," predicted Chamber

of Commerce Chairman

European companies, mainly

French, German and English

who were afraid of the

billion due to the boycott

since 1948, through a reduc-

tion of up to two per cent in

annual growth, according to a

study by the chamber of com-

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Israel says it lost some \$40

boycott, will invest here."

"I hope that from now on

"A new era is beginning

leaders said.

Danny Gillerman.

Anv member state

following two rules:

Mr. Peres also stressed the amount of work still to be done by the two countries' negotiators, in an interview with Israeli radio from New York Sunday. "It will be a business meet-

ing," Mr. Peres said, referring to his White House meeting with the Crown Prince. "We will make the max-

imum effort to a find solution to a long list of problems between the two countries, such as water-sharing and increasing investments between the two countries." Crown Prince Hassan and

Mr. Peres were also to discuss issues such as watersharing and security, which must be settled before a peace accord is signed, officials said.

The discussions were also to cover the International Economic Conference on the Middle East and North Africa, to be held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 in Morocco.

In Amman, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said Israel had agreed in principle to withdraw from Jordanian territory it occupied in 1948 and recognise the Kingdom's sovereignty over a piece of territory in the north.

'They (Israel) admitted and accepted that sovereignty (over the plot) was Jordan's though the ownership is not

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Washington penalises İsrael

\$215 million TEL AVIV (Agencies) -The United States was expected to chop \$215 million from loan guarantees to Israel as punishment for spending in the occupied territories this year, the finance ministry said Sun-

regular meeting.

— The council would hold Israel has informed the United States that it has an emergency meeting to repoured some \$310 million view the boycott if two meminto the West Bank and ber states requested it. The easing of the boycott

Gaza Strip. But Washington would recognise that \$95 million went on military spending resulting from the agreement on Palestinian autonomy, signed in September 1993, the ministry said.

Last year the United States slashed \$437 million from the annual \$2 billion in loan guarantees.

Congress provided for up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees over five years to help settle immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel.

The penalty clause was added to discourage the spread of Jewish settlements in occupied terri-

peoples and reflected the

foothold in North Africa.

Mr. Peres and Tunisian

Representatives would be in both cities, a joint state-ment said. A Tunisian econoopen in Gaza and Jericho.

as a first-rate achievement," Mr. Peres said in the radio interview. "I attribute importance to the fact that the issue has been made public — there are no secrets here."

they hoped Tunisia would be



King congratulates Yemeni president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday congratulated Yemeni leader Ali Abdullah Saleh on his reelection as president, saying that his reelection by representa-tives of the Yemeni people reflects the Yemeni people's confidence in him.

In a cable to the Yemeni President, King Hussein said President Saleh had been shouldering his responsibility over the past years to build the united and democratic Yemen.

King Hussein noted the brotherly relations between the Jordanian and Yemeni people, saying that the selection of Amman by representatives of the various Yemeni groups and parties as a venue for signing the accord and reconciliation agreement and enhancing bases of reform, security, and progress in February this year emborelations between the two

joint pan-Arab vision. The King said Jordanians had been advocates for a comprehensive pan-Arab rennaisance based on principles of freedom, democracy, justice and toler-

The Jordanian people have stood by right, dialogue and unity because they believe in people's participation in shaping their present and future at this changing world, where there is no room for weakness, backwardness, oppression," King Hussein said in his cable.

The King added that Jordan had done its best during the peak of the Yemeni crisis to diffuse tension, prevent bloodshed, unify Yemeni ranks and resolve differences through dia-

logue.
The King wished President Saleh every success in tions in progress and prosperity.

Peres hails accord on ties with Tunisia

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Sunday an agreement on normalising relations with Tunisia was a "first-rate achievement" stretching Israel's diplomatic

"This is an opening which we will pursue until we attain a full agreement on relations," Mr. Peres told Israel Radio from New York. "At this point we have some sort of relations with three North African states, namely Egypt, Morocco and Tuni-

Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia, in New York for the U.N. General Assembly, announced on Saturday that Belgium would represent Israel's interests in Tunis and Tunisia's in Tel Aviv.

sent to the Belgian embassies mic liaison office also is to "I regard this development

Israeli officials had said

the next Arab state to follow Morocco's lead in establishing low-level diplomatic ties with Israel.

"Tunisia and Israel are encouraged by the progress accomplished so far in the Middle East peace process. Based on that, the two countries have decided to begin a process aimed at normalising their relations," an Israeli statement said.

"The two foreign ministers expect that these initiatives will lead to long-term missions and eventually permanent representation. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Mr. Peres

went straight to Morocco after the Sept. 13 ceremony for the PLO accords. In July, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin became the first Israeli official to visit

Tunisia for multilateral Middle East peace talks.
Tunisia launched direct telephone links with Israel at that time and then in mid-August an envoy of Mr.

Rabin met President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali in Tunis. Tunisian officials and the media remained tight-lipped on Sunday on the Israelis'

announcement. There was no official reac-

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Palestinian police launch crackdown on DFLP opponents

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Palestinian police arrested 52 members of the opposition Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in a pre-dawn swoop Sunday,

the organisation said. Palestinian self-rule authority officials said the arrests were spurred by a shooting attack on a patrol in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli military officials said its patrols came under fire near the settlement of Netzarim and at the Kissufim border crossing into the Strip. No one was hurt. Nabil Abu Rudeina, Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) Chairman Yasser

Arafat's spokesman, said the

shooting was claimed by the

DFLP as "an attempt to embarrass the Palestinian authority.'

"The authority is implementing law and order does not allow any party to violate security and order," he said. Nehad Abu Ghosh. a

member of the DFLP central committee, said police broke into houses and arrested scores — we have 52 names, among them cadres and leaders of the DFLP." Those held in the first

large-scale arrest of the organisation's followers included Jaber Kirinawi, an employee at the organisation's health department, and Wael Kha-laf, the DFLP representative in negotiations with other

Mr. Abu Ghosh described the crackdown as "a political decision meant to break DFLP opposition to the Oslo and Cairo agreements, using security as an excuse."

DFLP spokesman Abdul Latif Al Haj said a statement claiming responsibility for the attack and insulting the Palestinian National Authority was found at the scene. But he denied any link with

the DFLP Gaza branch. "We are only involved in democratic acts. As the front in Gaza, we have no links to the secret, military wing which follows orders from

The DFLP and nine other factions and groups opposed

to the Israeli-Palestinian autonomy deal function mainly out of Damascus.

The DFLP has also vowed to fight autonomy through democratic means in the selfrule areas. In a craackdown early last

month following an attack on Israelis, Palestinian police rounded up 12 DFLP members among dozens of other suspects. All but three have since been released.

A spokesman for the PNA said earlier that about 40 DFLP activists were detained in response to a leaflet issued by the organisation threaten-

ing to "stir up civil war." But reporters could not obtain the leaflet and the DFLP denied it had issued

Tensions have been high in recent weeks between the DFLP and Palestinian authorities over police demands that the group obtain a permit for rallies it planned to hold in Gaza.

The DFLP said detainees included four of its local leaders, whom it identified as Yehia Obeid, Wa'el Khalaf, Taha Abu Alata and Azzam Al Hamalawi.

Palestinian authorities meanwhile released from jail Sunday three members of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, detained two weeks ago after the killing of a police officer, the group

NEWS IN BRIEF

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) - Pope John Paul II on Saturday told a Lebanese diplomat he still hopes to go to Lebanon, after an attack on a church forced the scrapping of plans for a trip last spring. "I keep the hope of being able to make this trip as soon as possible," the Pope

told the Lebanese ambassador who presented his creden-

tials to the Holy See in a ceremony at Castel Gandolfo; the

papal retreat in the hills southeast of Rome. "It is my desire"

to demonstrate my esteem and my solidarity to all the:

religious communities which make up the Lebanese peo-ple," the Pope said. Security problems all the

Vatican to call off another trip this year, a one-day trip to

Sarajevo that had been arranged for Sept. 8. and difficul-

ties in walking following his surgery to replace a tione broken in a fall in April caused the Vatican to postpone a

Egyptian-French military games in 1995

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt and France are to carry out joint

military manoeuvres for the first time in 1995. Egypt's

Defence Minister General Mohammad Hussain Tantawi said Saturday. The annual Egyptian-U.S. "Bright Star" manoeuvres would take place in November. Gen. Tantawi

told the governmental daily Al Ahram. Elsewhere Egyp-

tian President Hosni Mubarak watched military man-

oeuvres by the Egyptian navy Saturday to mark the 21st

anniversary of the army's triumphant crossing of the Suez

Canal in the 1973 Middle East war. Mr. Mubarak said on

Egyptian television that it was necessary to "maintain the

capacity of the armed forces, especially since we are in the

middle of a region which has, both in the East and in the

trip set for late October to the United States.

the Pope said. Security problems also forced the

Pope still hopes to go to Lebanon

back-room deal in boycott slippage

By William C. Mann The Associated Press

CAIRO - Talk of outside pressure and back-room dealmaking rippled through the Middle East Saturday to explain further loosening of the Arab League's economic boycott of Israel.

To many Arabs, the deals bear "made in USA" labels and could prove a major step towards dismantling the League's 42-year-old special bureau for boycotting Israel.

Saudi Arabia announced Friday in the United States that the sin nations of the Galf Cooperation Council (GCC) and officially abandone if the boycott's requirement to avoid dealing with companies doing business with Israel. The Saudi announcement in New York said the six would maintain the tabeo on commerce with the Jewish state itself.

In practice, the decision changes little. The Saudis and their GCC colleagues — Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — increasingly have ignored the so-called "secondary boycott" rules.

But in international politics, putting it on paper is altogether different from doing it without talking about

Foreign Minister Faris Bouez of Lebanon noted the announcement by Prince Saud Al Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister, came as his country and neighbouring Syria are trying to negotiate peace in U.S.-sponsored talks with Israel.

"We believe the decision to lift the boycott won't help the Arab, Lebanese and Syrian negotiators," Mr. Bouez told the Beirut newspaper Al Nahar. "I don't know the reasons behind this step, but we'd expected more solidarity from the Arabs at this critical stage.'

There must have been pressure exercised on the GCC states to take the decision... at this speed and at this time in particular," economic analyst Ali Saleh said in Bahrain. But "with this the Arab ranks and weaken-

ing Arab negotiators." The United States under President Clinton has pressed hard for eliminating or at least tempering the boycott, most recently by Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown in a Cairo visit this year.

He said he elicited a promise by Esmat Abdul Meguid, the Arab League secretarygeneral, that the League would consider abandoning the secondary boycott at a March meeting. The meeting produced no changes.

Arab governments began compiling a boycott list in 1946, two years before Israel became a state. The boycott office was established in Damascus six years later, aiming to so weaken the Israeli economy that the Jewish state would disappear.

By the late 1980s, with Israel in control since 1967 of vast areas of Arab soil including Syria's Golan Heights, demands for lifting the boycott had dwindled to removing Israeli settlements from the occupied territories.
"There are feverish

attempts to lift the embargo despite the fact that a lot of (Arab-Israeli) issues are still unsettled," said Palestinian diplomat Mohammad

"We are hoping that the Arab side will not yield to pressures that might harm the Arab cause," Mr. Sobeih. permament representative in the Arab League, said. "The issue of the Arab embargo should be handled within the Arab League and according to the progress in the peace

In Gaza, a top official of the Palestinian self-rule government agreed that the Arabs should show a unified front in dealing with the Israelis.

But Nabil Shaath, the Palestinians' planning minister, indicated he does not expect occasional setbacks to do much harm.

After the weekly cabinet meeting, Dr. Shaath said: "Obviously and eventually, we are going into a full peace with the Israelis, which will require... economic and polipolitical decision they are tical relations."

Mixed classes banned in south Yemeni schools

Outside pressure, Saleh sworn in, says no YSP in new government

ŠANAA (AP) — Ali Abdullah Saleh, victor of Yemen's two-month civil war in summer, was sworn in Sunday as president and said he was excluding his socialist rivals from a new cabinet he will soon form.

Yemen's 301-seat parliament on Saturday reelected. Mr. Saleh, who heads the General People's Congress (GPC), for a five-year term, of the 259 members who attended the session, 253 voted for Mr. Saleh, and six ballots were invalidated.

During the swearing-in ceremony on Sunday, Mr. Saleh said he was ordering a stop in a media campaign against Saudi Arabia, whose relations with Yemen soured during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis and worsened this year because of Riyadh's support of Mr. Saleh's rivals.

He pledged to develop relations "with all countries, especially those of the Horn

sion by six Gulf states to ease

the Arab boycott of Israel

came as a direct result of the

changing face of Middle East

politics, Arab diplomats in

the region say.
"This new commitment

paved the way for launching

Palestinian self-rule in Gaza

and Jericho, and the July

declaration between Israel

told AFP.

hostilities.

sula and the Gulf."

"We hope to turn the page and open a new chapter, especially with Saudi Arabia," he said. "We want to heal the wounds and distance ourselves from the effects of the past."

In his address, Mr. Saleh said that by ordering a halt in the war of words against the Saudis, he was affirming Yemen's "good intentions."

Mr. Saleh later told a news

conference that his new gov-

ernment "will comprise the General People's Congress and Al-Islah party.' The tribal, Islamic fundamentalist Al Islah backed Mr. Saleh's northern forces

who crushed southern seces-

sionists in the civil war that

ended July 7. The Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) had been a key partner in the coalition that was formed after conservative North Yemen and socialist

South Yemen merged in May

The Socialists' leader, Ali Salem Al Beidh, served as vice president to Mr. Saleh until the civil war broke out in May. Mr. Beidh then proclaimed the independence of South Yemen, and when Mr. Saleh's forces overran his southern strongholds almost three months ago he fled to

neighbouring Oman. Mr. Saleh has said he wants to try Mr. Beidh and 15 of his top aides for treason and war crimes.

Socialists who remained in Yemen have since elected a new leadership, but they have yet to openly condemn Mr. Beidh.

Islah gained prominence in the April 1993 parliamentary elections, when it won 63 seats in the house to become the second-largest bloc after Mr. Saleh's General People's Congress. The socialists grab-

efforts to break the deadlock.

Iran, an ally of Syria, blasted the GCC decision on

Saturday saying it was proof

of Arab disunity.
Iranian state radio warned

t would "make it easier for

the Zionist regime to carry

out its plots in the Middle

East" and "showed the divi-

sion in the Arab world and

the incoherence of their poli-

Libya also joined in conde-

mnation, voicing "amaze-

'dangerous precedent" for

concession to Washington in

return for its opposition to a lifting of the U.N. embargo

Arab unity.

on Iraq.

Easing of boycott reflects changing face

Islah leader, Abdulah Al Ahmar, as speaker of the

Mr. Saleh said he planned to introduce "new blood... experienced technocrats' into the new government, which will focus on reconstruction and post-war rehabilitation. He pledged to encourage

investment and improve the economic conditions in his country, which has a 14 million population and is among the poorest in the Arab World.

Mr. Saleh now has to name a vice president and a prime

Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, deputy leader of Mr. Saleh's party, has been tipped as the most likely choice for vice president, and Farag Ben Ghanem, an independent, for prime minister.

Before the civil war, the prime minister was Heidar Al Attas, a socialist.

Protestors demand Vanunu release TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israeli protestors held a sit-in outsid

West, many problems."

the home of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Saturday to call for the immediate release of nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu, who is serving an 18-year prison sentence. Some 30 demonstrators, who describe themselves as the Vanunu defence committee, accused Israeli authorities of "hounding" him. They also called for "nuclear, chemical and biological disarmament in the Middle East." Mr. Vanunu was found guilty of "espionage and high treason" in 1988 for passing on secrets of Israel's nuclear capacity to the British weekly Sunday Times. He claimed a woman lured him from London to Rome, where he was snatched by Israeli secret service agents in October 1986, before be reappeared in an Israeli prison.

35 dead in latest Turkish-Kurdish clashes

DIYARBAKIR (AP) — Turkish troops killed a total of 27 Kurdish guerrillas in a series of clashes in eastern and southeastern Turkey on Saturday, the Anatolia news agency reported. Eight soldiers were killed, it said. The guerrillas belong to the illegal Kurdish Labour Party, which has been waging a violent campaign for autonomy in Kurdish regions. Nearly 13,000 people have died in the violence since 1984.

Mouse sows panic among postal workers

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A mouse sowed panic at a postal sorting office here after escaping from a parcel sent from India, where 54 people have died in a plague epidemic, the Kuwaiti daily Al Qabas said Sunday. Heals and communications ministry officials were mobilised after postal workers failed to find the fleeing rodent. The sorting office was furnigated by health officials, who also distant buted antibiotics to the staff. Like other Gulf Arab sta Kuwait closed its borders to all air and sea traffic with Ir

Damascus declaration to companies trading with Israel stimulate cooperation followand those that do business

eration Council (GCC) scrapped a ban on trade with with firms that trade with Israel, the so-called secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott, after a meeting in New York.

what he called the "very significant moves. Under the decision, however, the direct boycott

DUBAI (AFP) - The deci- Warren Christopher hailed

of Israeli goods and businesses remains intact. The six monarchies of

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, can be explained by the prog-Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the ress made in the peace pro-United Arab Emirates said cess," one Arab diplomat they would also urge the Arab League to follow their lead and gradually scrap the He point to the September 1993 Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) decboycott. It marked a shift from a laration of principles which

recent statement in which the GCC said it was still "premature" to meet U.S. demands and lift the boycott on Israel. An Arab diplomat ack-

and Jordan ending 46 years of nowledged that the shift risked angering Syria, which joined ranks with the GCC On Friday, the Gulf Coopand Egypt in March 1991 ing the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis. The Syrian-Israeli track of the peace negotiations has seen no breakthrough since it

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were concerned at growing calls from U.N. Security Council members including France and China to ease

opposition within the council to an end to the embargo before Baghdad has met all U.N. resolutions including recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty. The new era of rapproche-

ment between Israel and

some of its former enemies

in the Arab World has

already been illustrated by

sanctions imposed when Iraq

invaded Kuwait in August

But the United States has

1990, he said.

ment" at the move which it the Jewish state's participation in two conferences held said was contrary to Arab League agreements and set a in GCC member states. In April, Israel took part in Arab-Israeli multilateral Another Arab diplomat said the move was also a

talks in Oman to discuss water, followed in May by a meeting in Qatar on weapons control. Israel is also due to attend a meeting on the environment in Manama on Oct.

24-25, where an Israeli de-

legation has been holding

preparatory talks with

Bahraini officials.

'Rebuild Lebanon' exhibition opens

ADEN (AFP) - Mixed classes have been banned in high • schools in south Yemen under government orders. schools said Saturday as they reopened for the first time as part of moves aimed at increasing Islamic influence in

the south. Until now, southern Yemeni schools have been run on a secular system established by the former socialist regime before the South merged with conservative North Yemen in 1990.

Yemen's Deputy Education Minister Ali Al Warith has recently announced a series of reforms to standardise education throughout the country. Mixed education is banned in the north.

But female pupils returning to school Saturday ignored another of his re-ි..ෆs --- එළ wearing of Islaania diress.

One schoolgirl, Nadia and fullah, said the measure was can attack on individual itheray." She added: "While the are careful to respect our religion, we object to the winting of the Islamic headscarf being imposed on us."

School curriculums in south Yemen have also been brought into line with the north and will now contain more subjects related to religion, according to the new reforms published recently in an Aden newspaper.

Despite unification in 1990 several sectors remained separate in the north and south, including currencies and the armed forces, as well as education.

The new measures come after the defeat of southern Yemeni forces by northern troops loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh in a civil war from May to July.

The south's defeat weakened the southern Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) and strengthened the Muslim fundamentalist Al Islah Party, a member of the ruling coalition.

Last week Yemen's parliament voted to adopt a new constitution based on Islamic sharia law under pressure from Al Islah, which is seeking to extend Islamic influence in Yemen especially in the south.

AL Islah's first general congress last month called on the government to "wipe out the after-effects of the totalitarian regime and socialist culture" of the YSP in the south.

Meanwhile, some schools which were badly damaged or looted during the war stayed shut on Saturday. Local authorities said they lacked financial and material means to carry out all repairs, which were scheduled to be completed in mid-September.

Censorship on newspapers

The Yemeni government is to impose censorship on newspapers, the independent English-languages weekly Yemen Times said Saturday.

Abdul Aziz Al Saqqaf, the newspaper's editor, told AFP that an information ministry circular sent to newspapers on Saturday ordered them to obtain prior authorisation from the information ministry for the next edition of their publication, or risk ceasing to appear.'

He said he was "surprised" by the move on the day of the

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reelection of President Saleh who "repeatedly states his commitment to respect the

was launched in October

freedom of the press." Mr. Saqqaf has come up against authorities in the past for his criticisms of government policy, notably during the May-July Yemeni civil

Mr. Saleh was reelected as head of state with a five-year mandate on Saturday by the Yemeni parliament.

Another editor warned last month that "press freedom is in danger" after his independent daily Al Ayam, published in the southern Yemeni city of Adea, was suspended after the end of the

Two other Aden newspap ers — Al Tajammu, mouthpiece of the Yemen Unionist Rally Party, and Al Wehdawi of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation — have also been suspended since the

Legislation embodying the freedom of the press was enacted in May 1990, when former North and South Yemen were merged.

BEIRUT (AFP) — More Lebanon, including the than 200 companies from

Western and Arab countries are to take part this week in "Rebuild Lebanon," the country's largest post-war reconstruction fair.

The five-day fair opens on Tuesday, two weeks after the government officially launched a multi-million-dollar project to rebuild the warbattered city centre of Beirut. Britain, France, Italy, Switzerland and Greece will have national pavilions, according to Virginia Kern, managing director of the London-based Fairs and Ex-

hibitions Ltd. which is organising the fair. Out of the 25 Arab and Western countries taking part, several will also be represented by private companies, including from Australia, Germany, Hong Kong and the six Gulf Arab

states, she said. The five-day show will be open to professionals only and is expected to attract 2,000 to 3,000 visitors each day from inside and outside

neighbouring countries of Cyprus, Jordan and Syria. "Exhibitors have high

hopes of entering into new business arrangements in Lebanon, finding local representatives or renewing past acquaintainces," sales director Gloria Giles said.

"The business opportunities for local companies are tremendous and this exhibition represents an excellent way to meet potential principals and partners," Ms. Gile said.

She said that her company spent "over \$1 million to prepare the basic infrastructure and promote the show." "Normally there are pur

pose-built facilities for holding such shows but in Lebanon we had to start from scratch," she explained. Fairs and Exhibitions commissioned a German com-

pany, Roder AG, to build a \$400,000 temporary centre on 50,000 square metres of cleared land in Beirut's northern seafront suburb of Dbayeh.

It includes exhibition halls, a business centre, a congress theatre and a 3,000-space car

"Rebuild Lebanon represents my company's most challenging project to date," said Ms. Gile, whose firm has gained an international reputation and organises the Dubai air shows.

"We had a better start-up response for this project than we have had for any of our other projects," she added. Exhibitors will display the

latest products in the fields of construction, energy, water treatment, communications, transport, health and municipal services.

"We had been watching Lebanon carefully for a number of years to see when the time was right to hold such an exhibition. The companies which will participate in this show think the time is right," she said.

Seminars and workshops will also be held during the show. Britain's Electrical Installation Equipment Manufacturers' Association is planning a technical seminar on latest developments.

Business and investment. opportunities in Lebanon wil be discussed by Arab politi cians and economists during: two-day conference organised by the Arab business magazine, Al Iktissad Wa Amal.

The cabinet, which this week submitted to partiament a \$3.2-billion budget for 1995 with a projected 42.75 per cent deficit, has outlined a.\$12-billion programme to revamp Lebanon by the year

The programme has yet to be approved but the government has already embarked on several rehabilitation programmes, mainly to improve the power, water and telephone networks.

Private construction is also booming across Lebanon, where according to official estimates 12,151 building permits were issued in 1993 compared to 2,859 at the end of the 1975-1990 civil war.

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fordanian guests Sunday experience the en- youth (Petra photo)

Malaysia's First Lady, Dr. Siti Hasmah, Mrs. couraging style of YWMA workshop director abdul Salam Majali and other Malaysian and Marwan Akrabawi as he admires the work of a

First lady of Malaysia visits NHF

MMAN (J.T.) — Dato eri Datin Paduka Dr. Siti lasmah bte Haji Mohd Ji. wife of Dato Seri Dr. fahathir Ben Mohammad rime Minister of Malaysia. unday visited the Noor Al lussein Foundation (NHF) ccompanied by Mrs. f the Jordanian Prime Linister, and several

jests. NHF's Theatre-inducation Programme irector Lina Tal briefed e guests on NHF's deelopment philosophy and rategies which focus on mily and community deslopment, women, chilren, promotion of culture id heritage and advanceent of education.

The visiting group then atched a documentary '.m on the NHF's Projects id Programmes carried it across Jordan and toured NHF's Jordan Design and Trade Centre (JDTC) which includes special selections of woolen rugs, embroidered home furnishings, ceramics, glassware, basketry, fashionable clothing, wrought iron furniture, personal accessories and Islamic calligraphy items — all designed and produced by more than 3.000 Jordanian crafts men

Dr. Siti Hasmah praised Her Majesty Queen Noor's efforts in establishing and enhancing a long-term integrated development scheme and in integrating women in the development process and expressed her admiration of NHF's projects and programmes especially those which focus on child-

She expressed as well her

tion plan with the NHF in exchanging experiences and offered NHF a cash dona-tion and a gift.

Upon arrival the visiting group was received by Noor Izzeddin, a member of the NHF's Board of Trustees, Abdullah Al Hindawi. Deputy Director General and senior NHF staff.

Visits to CPF, workshops

Later Dr. Siti Hasmah visited the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF), toured its various sections, and made a donation to the foundation. The Malaysian first lady also visited the workshops of the Young Women's Muslim Association (YWMA) Centre for the Mentally-Handicapped, where she was briefed by Workshop Director Marwan Akrabawi on the

courses offered.

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and women.

Jordan, Malaysia look forward to enhanced relations in several arenas

AMMAN (J.T.) — The gov-ernments of Jordan and Malaysia Sunday issued a joint communique at a press conference held by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and his Malaysian counterpart, Mahathir Mohammad. Following is the full text of the communique, read out at the press conference by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Raouf Rawab-

At the invitation of Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, the Prime Minister of Jordan. His Excellency Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Ben Mohammad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, arrived at the head of a large delegation of senior officials and businessmen for an official visit to Jordan lasting from 29 September to October 3, 1994. During the visit, Jordan's

honourable guest was re-ceived by His Majesty King Hussein, and the two leaders reviewed the strengthening relations between the two countries and the latest deyelopments in the peace process. Afterwards. His Majesty the King awarded his guest the Al-Nahda Medal - First Class. H.E. Dr. Mahathir praised world stature and his continuing efforts in both the domestic and international

During the discussions on regional and international issues, both sides agreed to coordinate their positions on issues of common concern.

The Malaysian side expressed its support for the Jordanian position in the peace process and urged for full implementation by Israel of all international resolutions and bilateral agreements to ensure the attainment of a comprehensive,



Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf (right) and Malaysian Minister for International Trade Rafida Aziz Sunday sign a trade agreement (Petra photo)

just and lasting peace where the rights of all parties are respected and preserved.

The Jordanian and Malaysian sides held several meetings, ending their discussions this morning, Sunday October 2. The discussions covered all topics of interest and areas of cooperation between the two countries, including tourism, Islamic affairs, education, shipping

The visit culminated in the signing of four bilateral agreements as follows: - An agreement for eco-

nomic, technological, scientific and cultural cooperation. - An agreement to avoid

and civil aviation.

dual taxation. - A trade agreement. - Investment protection agreement.

The two countries also signed a memorandum of understanding concerning cooperation in tourism.

The two sides also discussed practical ways of implementing these agreements by means of various protocols to be finalised at a later stage. especially relating to the exchange of administrative expertise and towards the supply of Malaysian needs for man power in the medical. engineering and educational

fields. Businessmen from

both sides also met repeatedly to explore areas and ways of mutual cooperation with the objective of expanding trade and the establishment of joint projects, especially those to establish a joint business council and signed an agreement to achieve that ojective.

An agreement was also signed between a Malaysian and a Jordanian company for the export of Jordanian phar-

maceuticals. It was also agreed to establish friendship societies for both countries, and to study the establishment of resident embassies in each others'

The visit of the Malaysian delegation was successful and productive, providing an opportunity for both sides to exchange views over matters of mutual interest, and both sides look forward to a practical implementation of the agreements reached between the two friendly countries.

His Excellency the Prime Minister of Malaysia thanked the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its warm hospitality and expressed his admiration for the historical and cultural sites of Jordan and the Kingdom's comprehensive de-

Pakistani parliament speaker ends visit

MMAN (Petra) peaker of the Pakistani arliament Yousef Raza illani Sunday left Amman the end of a four-day isit to Jordan, during hich he held talks with rime Minister Abdul alam Majali, the speakers f the Upper and Lower louses of Parliament and enior Jordanian officials n bilateral relations and evelopments of the Midle East peace process.

Mr. Gillani was also received in a special audience Thursday by His Majesty King Hussein.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Gillani and the accompanying parliamentary delegation visited King Abdullah Mosque in Abdali where they were received by Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Abbadi and the ministry's secretary general, Ahmad Helayer. The Pakistani guests viewed a display of photographs depicting the third Hashemite restoration of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem and an exhibition on the restoration of the tombs of Prophet Mohammad's Companions.

Dr. Abbadi briefed the delegation the phases of the restoration of holy

Firm wins contract to study dam construction

AMMAN (J.T.) dan Valley Authority (JVA) Sunday awarded a local engineering firm ID 85.000 a contract to conduct hydrological studies and prepare final designs for the construction of a dam at Wadi Ibn Hammad district in Karak Governorate.

A statement issued after the signing of the contract at the Ministry of Water and Irrigation said that the firm will have to complete its work in 10 months.

Under the terms of the contract the company will conduct investigations and tests at the site to determine the exact location for the foundation of a 30-metrehigh dam which will have a

lion cubic metres (mcm) It said that the dam will have winter rainfall and flood waters which will be used for

Last month Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat said the ministry was studying the construction of three other dams at Waleh (9 million cubic metres), Mujib (35 mcm), and Tannour (12 mcm) as well as raising the walls of the Kafrein Dam in the Jordan Valley to augment its storage capacity to

4.5 mcm. Referring to Al Karameh Dam which is currently under construction, the minister said that it would have a 55 mcm capacity.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The hopes to increaes volume in pinassi said. "Trade has been for the second day, resuming talks to increase trade between the two countries.

The committee intends to sign a final trade agreement today. The goal is to establish free trade between the two countries, which is "fairly insignificant," said Fath'allah Sijilnassi, director for International Affairs at the Moroccan Ministry for Trade, Industry and Foreign Trade.

Mr. Sijilnassi said Moroccan trade volume with Jordan totalled a meagre \$6 million

in 1993. Morocco's exports to Jordan consists mainly of processed fish, clothing and general textiles. Morocco, he said,

Jordanian-Moroccan Econo- these areas as well as diver- insignificant because of a lack

Morocco, Jordan to sign trade pact

Commerce between the two countries has been hindered by trade barriers, and limited privatisation in both countries. The agreement will be within the framework of GATT, of which Morocco is a member. Jordan has recently applied for GATT membership.

Additionally, the agree-ment seeks to liberalise trade between the countries, and create the means for increased trade and investment.

Jordan is in a good position to become a significant trade partner of Morocco because of its number of increasingly privatised industries, Mr. Sitween businessmen," Mr. Sijilnassi pointed out. "Most contacts have been between governments. Liberalisation leaves things up to business-

He also said that expanding trade with Jordan was significant because of the Kingdom's increasing importance in the region.

Edris Hatto, Morocco's

trade minister, will meet with his Jordanian counterpart Rima Khalaf for final discussions and the signing of the agreement today.

Mr. Hatto will also discuss Jordan's role in the coming Casablanca summit scheduled for the end of October.

Japan donates equipment Fawzi Gharaibeh.

MAN (J.T.) — Japan nday donated JD 288,000 orth of audiovisual educahal equipment to the Uni-

-isity of Jordan. At a presentation cereiny held at the Educational chnology Centre of the iversity Japanese Ambas-Jor to Jordan Yuji Ikeda ided over the new equipant to University President

The equipment will be used to enhance the capabilities of the Educational Technology Centre in producing television programmes and educational materials and providing training on both a national and regional basis in cooperation with Tatsuhiro Yanagine and Mari Sato, members of the Japan Over-

seas Cooperation Volunteers working in Jordan.

Japan's contributions to the University of Jordan to date have included audiovisual equipment for the Educational Technology Centre in 1983, books related to Japan studies for the university library in 1987 and 1988, books related to Japan

Azzawi's somber 'war diaries' hang between his polished gems

By Ian Atalia Special to the Jordan Times

he following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins nd the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify he listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILM

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CONCERT

Concert by the National Musical Institute at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

14 Oriental pieces exhibition at Gallery Mariam (Tel. -01⁴ _ 824425).

* Ceramics exhibition by Hameed Abdul Majeed at the Royal Cultural Centre.

C.Two exhibitions of abstract art by Ramzi Al Sayid and Mohammad Salim at the Royal Cultural Centre. Photography exhibition at the University of Jordan. Fourth Amman International Book Exhibition at the International Exhibition Centre, University Road (Tel.

Exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Wadhah Al Ward at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art, Wasfi Tal Street (Tel. 695291).

Exhibition of pairings by Dia Azzawi at Ab'ad Art ·Gallery (Tel. 862105).

Exhibition of paintings by Kamal Boullata entitled "Duets, Quartets, and a Triangle" at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).

Exhibition by artist Nadim Muhsin at the French

"The Diness Exhibit" — beginnings of photography in Jerusalem and the Holy Land at the American Center exhibition hall, Abdoun.

AMMAN — Many consider Dia Azzawi, 48, to be Iraq's finest contemporary artist, bar none, and very few artgoers would deny him a place among the cream of that country's Another series of mixedcountless superb painters, who have made Baghdad the crown jewel of the Arab art world.

going to see Azzawi's exhibition at the Al Ab'aad Art Gailery will leave with mixed emotions. His multimedia works are magical. and mesmerising, and the central exhibition piece, the Al Jawahiri folio, which consists of 10 lithographs, is a tour-de-force of the first order.

With this in mind, those

But the numerous acrylics and charcoals on display, which form at least half of the exhibits, are a disappointment. Some of them are polished enough, but otherwise unremarkable. A few even verge on the amateurish.

By far, what makes the exhibition an artistic event of the first magnitude, despite the large number of knock-off works, is the Al Jawahiri folio, which blends Azzawi's visions as a painter with verses selected from the writings of Al Jawahiri, the famous Iraqi

The lithographs are lyrical and gripping, and demonstrate that Azzawi at his best possesses a dynamic expressiveness so powerful that it no doubt leaves many of his peers in Baghdad green with envy.

media works in similar style, half abstract and half graffitti-like, chiefly "Nuzhat Zaman" and "The Book of Love," carry on superbly. Azzawi will never be re-

membered for technical excellence or innovation, one suspects — his technique is often crude and rough. The singular power of his works lies elsewhere. For somehow, through colour, shape and texture,

he has been able to endow these otherwise ungainly mixed-media works with an other-wordly spirit, so piercing and so baffling at the same time, that one suspects Azzawi is lucky to be a modern painter. One can easily see him being hauled off and accused of witchcraft if he had lived in medieval times, as happened once with the poet and scholar Omar Khayyam.

That said, the breath of this great artist has some-how failed to transfer to his acrylic and charcoal works on the walls of Al Ab'aad. The eight charcoals, entitled "war diaries," all portray a somber, weeping face in abstract black-andwhite.

For those in Jordan who know all to well the bloodshed Iraq has endured throughout the last two decades, the work's theme and purpose is poignant.

But the renderings are clumsy, and in the end, Azzawi's handling of the theme comes across as no more than clicke. The acrylics on the oppo-

site wall are un-unique and uninspiring, both in terms of theme and technique. As good as Azzawi shows himself to be in the Jawahiri folio and other abovementioned works, one wonders how he ever came up with such paintings in

If Azzawi had been a still-unknown artist, the display would have shown him to be a reasonably competent artist on the whole, with possible potential for future greatness. But Azzawi is no un-

known — he is a proven master, and the overall uneven quality of the work he has brought to Amman detracts from the gems he has placed among them. One leaves wishing to see a much more comprehensive and fully-realised display. The exhibition, which opened on September 27, will continue until October



Dia Azzawi's 'Marrakesh Zone', acrylic on canvas

India confident plague controlled, but cases mount

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — India is sounding confident it has controlled an outbreak of plague that sent tremors of dread around the world, but the number of suspected cases continued to mount and three new possible deaths

were reported Sunday.

One person died in Surat - the west coast industrial city where the outbreak started on Sept. 19 — after entering hospital with suspected plague symptoms.

"It's not certain whether he died from plague," said Jagdish Shelat, junior health minister of Gujarat state.

Mr. Shelat said the man may have died from tuberculosis and the body had been sent for a post mortem examination to determine whether he was India's officially reported 52nd plague

If he was, he would be the first plague death in Surat, where 47 people have died, in more than four days.

A 10-year-old girl died in

Bombay, but initial tests were negative for plague, said Dr. Padmini Shetty at the Plague Control Room of India's commercial capital where no one has so far died of the scourge.

And a 55-year-old man died in Delhi — where two deaths Saturday are still awaiting the end of testing to determine whether they died of plague — and again senior health officials said he might have died of something else.

On Sunday, India reported 3.474 suspected cases of plague, up by nearly one-third from the previous day's figure. However, so far only 204 have proved to be plague victims, the Delhi Plague Control Room said. The World Health Orga-

nisation (WHO) said Sunday the rapid rise in numbers of suspected cases was no surprise or cause for alarm and that the next two days would prove if the Indian government was right to believe the plague was dying.
"This spurt was to be ex-

pected," WHO spokesman Jitendra Tuli in Delhi told Reuters. "We believe the full picture will be clear by Tues-

He said the basic signs were that the outbreak was tapering off and government confidence would be justified unless some cases show up in entirely unexpected areas. That would then really mean a long haul ahead.'

The government believes the many countries taking stringent measures to quarantine India have seriously overreacted.

It stressed the comparatively small number of positive tests and that the plague is easily cured by common anti-biotics.

But there was no sign that the outside world, fearful of the plague spreading across the globe like wildfire, was about to ease curbs on travellers and goods from In-

New Zealand and West Indian cricketers, due to play in India this month, made anxious comments and an Indonesian dance troupe cancelled a scheduled tour of India.

latest nation to suspend flights from India. India's major problem in the outbreak of plague was the panic-ridden rush of 300,000 people from Surat.

The Maldives became the

They spread the disease to six other of India's 26 states in a stampede Cabinet Secretary Surendra Singh said could not be stopped "without brutality." He was,

Most of the deaths were in

soon be put on the plague.
"Everybody knows about it and if the victim doesn't go to hospital, his relatives or neighbours will probably make sure they do," said Mr.

In Bangladesh, about 50 people have been hospital-ised with suspected plague, but none of them has tested positive for the disease. newspapers reported Sunday.

The first two plague suspects surfaced Thursday after the passengers came from Dubai on board a Bangladesh jetliner that had landed in Bombay, newspapers reported quoting Health Minis-try official Shamsuddin Siddi-

Two passengers returning from the plague-ravaged In-dian city of Surat also havebeen quarantined, the reports said. The other people were admitted to hospitals with a fever or sore throat, symptoms of pneumonic plague. Details of the cases were not immediately available.

Bangladesh has suspended all flights to India of its national airline and sealed land routes along the border. Thousands of people move illegally across both the ua-



A shoe shine man wears a face mask while tending to a customer in New Delhi. Residents move around with bandanas wrapped across

suspected plague cases have sarfaced (AFP photo) their faces in the capital where almost 409 broke out two weeks ago.

tions to work in farms and

The government Saturday decided to operate a train from Calcutta to evacuate thousands of Bangladesh students stranded there.

Pakistan's first suspected plague victim arrived aboard a special train from India bringing home 332 Pakistanis who had been stranded since the potentially deadly disease

health officials said Sunday. A team of doctors met the train that arrived from New Delhi late Saturday at the Pakistani border town of

An eight-year-old boy was hospitalised with flu-like symptoms and is being tested for the plague, said Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, a Health Ministry official.

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home from India.

"He had a high fever and symptoms of some sort of respiratory disorder," said Dr. Ahmad. "We won't know anything for another 24

Pakistan cancelled all regular travel links with India after plague erupted in Surat, but Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto put on a special train to ferry stranded Pakistanis

Balladur plays for high stakes in corruption scam PARIS (AFP) - French corruption magistrate Re-Prime Minister Edouard Bal-

ladur vowed to fight corruption to the end over the weekend but the political price could be high and the conservative leader stands to lose three of his ministers. The wave of scandals washing over his government

could also damage Mr. Balladur's chances in next year's presidential elections and favour his rival. Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac. Speaking on television

Saturday night, Mr. Balladur said corruption cases would be investigated "with rigorous and strict respect for the law." He added: "No one can cite a single case where the functioning of justice has been prevented by my govemment.

The first of his ministers in the firing line is Industry Minister Gerard Longuet, who paid a bargain basement price for a second home he had built in the French Riviera resort of Saint-Tropez.

But Defence Minister François Leotard and Enterprise and Economic Development Minister Alain Madelin may also have to quit over the alleged illegal financing of the conservative Republican Party (PR), of which Mr. Longuet is president.

That would bring the total number of ministers forced to quit to four, following the July resignation of Communication Minister Alain Carignon, who was subsequently charged with fraud over illegal financing of his political activities in the Alpine capital of Grenoble. where he is mayor.

On Saturday, Mr. Balladur reaffirmed his "very severe rule" that once a minister had been charged, he must resign even though presumed innocent until found guilty. He had earlier come under

fire for an apparent coverup by prolonging a preliminary probe into Mr. Longuet's affairs for a month until Oct. 31, rather than allowing the minister to be indicated immediately. Mr. Balladur said he took

"full responsibily" for the extension, adding it had been granted to allow Mr. Longuet to prove his good faith." Mr. Longuet was accused

naud Van Ruymbeke of having bought the Saint Tropez villa in a corrupt deal. The affair is damaging to

the first days.

Mr. Balladur's strategy for the presidential elections next April and May. Mr. Longuet has rallied the PR, a major formation in the goveming conservative coalition. behind Mr. Balladur in the battle to succeed Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, and analysts said its loyalty could now falter. Mr. Van Ruymbeke had

questioned the origin of the funds Mr. Longuet used to pay for the Saint-Tropez villa. It cost him 2,529,444 francs (about \$505,888), but was worth at least 4.2 million francs, the magistrate said, alleging that the cash was paid to two of Mr. Longuet's consultancies by property de-velopers COGEDIM and water company Compagnie Generale des Eaux.

In the affair of the PR's finances, the same magistrate alleges that "suitcases full of cash" of dubious origin were handed to the party between 1987 and 1991, totalling 28 in a leaked report by antimillion francs (\$5.6 million).

And that Mr. Longuet, Mr. Leotard and Mr. Mandelin were all aware of the traffic.

Mr. Van Ruymbeke is also probing how the PR allegedly paid a 1.2 million commission in return for acquisition of part of its Paris headquarters.

Meanwhile among the Gaullists, Youth and Sports Minister Michele Alliot-Marie faces investigation for receiving cash from the medical consultancy Mediconseil for allegedly fictitious services rendered.

trialists and businessmen said to be close to the Gaullist Rally For the Republic (RPR) have been indicted with fake invoicing that helped to finance the RPR. Maverick right-winger Phillippe De Villiers, who recent-

And a total of seven indus-

walked out of the PR, parliament. called Saturday for new anticorruption laws in an open letter to Mr. Balladur. Mr. De Villiers said the Socialists were chased out of

power in March 1993 because of corruption and "what led to the downfall of the left ance in the 1992 elections could lead to that of the

Meciar wins Slovakian elections which swept him to power former HZDS leader.

BRATISLAVA (AFP) — Former Slovakian Prémier Vladimir Meciar was Sunday declared the winner of Slovakia's general elections with a much bigger majority than expected, putting him in a position of strength in forming the next government.

Final results Sunday gave Mr. Meciar's Movement for a Democratic Slovakia (HZDS) 34.96 per cent of the vote, far ahead of its nearest rival, Peter Weiss's Democratic Left and its partners in the Common Choice alliance, which scraped only 10.41 per

Three parties representing the Hungarian minority did unexpectedly well, finishing third with 10.18 per cent of votes. Only seven of the 18 groupings which fought the elections crossed the five per cent threshold to win seats in

Mr. Meciar's showing confounded opinion pollsters, the most optimistic of whom had only credited him with 27 per cent of voting intentions. His score was within a couple of points of his performand triggered the Slovakian separatist drive that culminated in the break-up of the old Czechoslovakia and formation of Slovakia on Jan. Political analysts were Sun-

day putting forward two possible scenarios for Tuesday, when President Michael Kovac is to open consulta-tions on forming a new govemment. They said the HZDS could

form a nationalist-slanted coalition with the support of Jan Slota's National Slovak Party and the breakaway communist Slovakian Workers Movement of Jan Luptak. The latter stole votes from the SDL, coming in sixth with 7.34 per cent of the vote, while the former only just managed to win representation in parliament with 5.4 per cent, putting it in seventh

Alternatively, the HZDS could team up with its former enemies in the coalition which has governed the country since Mr. Meciar was ousted last March after falling out with Mr. Kovac, a

They are the SDL, the centrist Democratic Union (DU) of outgoing Prime Minister Jozef Moravcik and the Christian Democrats (KDH) of Jan Carnogursky, which finished fourth and fifth with 10.08 and 8.57 per cent of the vote respectively.

On Saturday night Peter Weiss, whose SDL party was the big loser in the poll, called for the formation of political generosity was needed to give the country a really stable government.

formed — which is far from

fighting the elections had supported their aspirations for greater autonomy.

saying: "My son is gay and I love him." Quiz show on

such a coalition, saying that If such a coalition were

certain given Mr. Meciar's impetuous and sometimes unpredictable temperament, and his hunger for power - it would leave the three parties representing the Hungarian minority out in the cold. None of the other parties

The elections were the first since Slovakia and the Czech Republic went their separate

General: Pakistan is an 'atomic power'

Pakistan is an atomic power and should announce the existence of its weapons as a deterrent to hostile countries. the former Pakistani army chief, General Aslam Beg,

said Saturday. "It is a fact that Pakistan is an atomic power and there is no reason why not to accept it," Gen. Beg said, quoted by the official Associated Press

of Pakistan news agency. The official position held

while admitting that Pakistan had nuclear capacity, was that the country did not have any atomic weapons. In May, Gen. Beg said that

Pakistan had had nuclear arms since 1987. Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said last month that Pakistan had a nuclear bomb, causing political tur-

moil and leading to a series of official denials. Gen. Beg, who was speak-

that Pakistan should announce the existence of its atomic weaponry to pull the nation out of uncertainty and indecision.

He said Pakistan was in possession of a "minimum nuclear deterrent," adding that India would be unable to intimidate Pakistan as it had since New Delhi exploded its first nuclear device in 1974.

India and Pakistan have

Russians rally to mark October rebellion

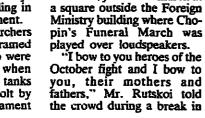
MOSCOW (AFP) - Some 3,000 tearful mourners and hardliners marched through central Moscow Sunday, retracing the route of a protest last year that set off two days of bloody violence ending in the shelling of parliament.

Nearly 100 of the marchers carried large portraits framed in black of youths who were killed last October when army troops backed by tanks violently quelled a revolt by supporter of the parliament

President Boris Yeltsin had dissolved.

Former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi, a key leader of the parliamentary rebellion, joined the march at a square outside the Foreign Ministry building where Chopin's Funeral March was

"I bow to you heroes of the October fight and I bow to you, their mothers and fathers," Mr. Rutskoi told





Nina Matukhina embraces a portrait of her son Kirril, who was killed near the Russian "White House" when hit by a stray brillet as be and his friends were watching the storm of the White House from the top of the opposite building (AFP photo)

them.'

"I ask your forgiveness that I wasn't able to save your sons and daughters. I stayed with them until the end, but I couldn't do anything to save

Smolensk Square, where the Foreign Ministry is lo-cated, was the site of violent clashes on Oct. 2 and 3 last year that triggered the revolt.

There was a minute of silence after Mr. Rutskoi spoke, but a number of those in the crowd reacted angrily to the former vice-president's

"What right does he have to ask our forgiveness?" said an elderly war veteran who was carrying a red Soviet flag and who wore a jacket bedecked with medals.

"He may have stayed until the end, but he's here alive and our sons are dead," the man said.

Another protester added: "He just wants to get back in power so he can shoot it out again with Yeltsin." The protest appeared di-

vided into two parts with some 2,000 people marching in a funeral-like procession at the head of the crowd followed by more than 1,000 hardline Communists carrying Soviet flags and anti-Yeltsin banners.

The march was scheduled to continue to the "White House," the building that housed the former Russian parliament and is now the seat of the government.

The funeral marchers carried a large black banner inscribed in white with the words: "No pardon for the executioner. Many of those carrying

portraits of the young victims of last year's violence were parents or relatives and were unanimously critical of the government's actions last year in quelling the revolt.
"Our kids had nothing to do with politics... they just shot our children," said one mother whose son, 17-year-

among those killed during the revolt. According to official figures, some 140 people most of them "defenders" of the banned parliament -

old Roman Verevkin, was

were killed in last year's violence, but Mr. Rutskoi and other opposition leaders claimed the number was closer to 500. Police presence was re-

latively light but as the pro-test continued a handful of OMON riot police were spotted keeping an eye on the march. The demonstrators met

right."

earlier under a towering statue of Lenin and many of them also bore placards with stridently anti-Jewish slogans written on them. One sign bore a photograph of President Boris Yeltsin over the words:

"Kick out this instrument of the Jewish international conspiracy" while another placard stated "Stop the intervention of international Jewry." Another banner pictured

Mr. Yeltsin sitting atop a tank firing on the former parliament building and stated: "This is the triumph of democracy." A year ago Tuesday, four T-80 battle tanks positioned on a bridge over the Moskova

River in central Moscow targetted their cannons on the facade of the parliament building and opened fire, shaking the city. Even before the assault on the "White House" began that chilly, sunny morning, questions on who was shoot-

ing, why they were shooting and who they were shooting at were already being asked and many have yet to be answered. "The October tragedy is still far from over," Alexander Volchkov, political secretary for the conservative Russian National Union, said

language daily the Moscow The war of the traitors against their own state, against their own economy, against their own people continues.

last week in a statement

quoted by the English-

"The truth about the bloodletting of last year, so painstakingly hushed up by the authorities who were victorious over their own people, will still be told," Mr. Volchkov said.

by the government of Prime ing at a conference at the fought three wars since 1947. Sri Lankan military halts offensive ahead of peace talks with rebels

COLOMBO (AFP) — Security forces called off a planned offensive against separatist Tamil Tiger guerrillas in northern Sri Lanka in light of upcoming peace talks, Defence Secretary General Hamilton Wanasinghe said Sunday.

Troops suspended a major operation against the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in view of the talks between the new government and the guerrillas scheduled for Oct. 13 and 14,

BEIJING (AFP) — The Chinese government is increasingly using false or frivolous criminal charges to arrest or convict political activists in a bid to discredit them at home and abroad. according to a human rights

report released Monday. Of the 12 known cases of human rights advocates and political dissidents formally charged or sentenced since the beginning of 1994, all have been charged with criminal offences rather than political crimes, said the report by the U.S.-based watchdog, Human Rights Watch/Asia.

The charges ranged from embezzlement to fraud to "hooliganism," the report said, citing the example of 26-year-old Tong Yi — the assistant to leading dissident Wei Jingsheng — who was charged in August with forging a seal for a university document.

Mr. Wanasinghe said. "This is because we want to create conditions condusive for peace talks. You can't be talking while war is going on," Mr. Wanasinghe told AFP. He did not give details of the planned offen-

However, he said "defence oriented" small-scale operations would continue in the island's northern and eastern regions, where the LTTE has stepped up attacks, killing some 15 soldiers and an esti-

mated 25 sailors in the past two weeks.

Defence sources said the military was on the verge of tightening their stranglehold on the LTTE-dominated northern Jaffna peninsula when they were ordered to hold back. We were about to launch an attack when the orders

came to suspend the opera-

tion. This is a clear signal that the government is very serious about the peace talks," the sources said.

China 'concocts' charges against dissidents Similarly, Zhang Lin, a seized by the police.

labour activist from Anhui, was charged with "hooliganism" the same month and sentenced to three years in a re-education camp, while Bi Yimin - a former colleague of leading dissidents Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming was charged with giving "public money" to the dissior whereabouts. dents' families.

"The use of criminal instead of political charges against dissidents means. among other things, that the number of political prisoners and detainees is far higher that the roughly 3,000 men and women convicted of 'counterrevolution' that the Chinese government has ack-

nowledged currently holding," the report said. Another aspect of judicial abuse identified by the report was repeated denials by the authorities that they are actually detaining dissidents who are known to have been

Such denials have surrounded the detention of veteran activists Wei Jingsheng and Liu Nianchun, both of whom have been said to be under "residential surveillance" despite the fact that their families have no knowledge of their conditions

On Saturday, Mr. Liu's wife accused the Chinese authorities of misleading the United Nations after the U.N. groupo dealing with "involuntary missing" individuals informed her that it had received notification from Beijing that Mr. Liu was under residential surveillance.

"I was not satisfied with the answer given to the United Nations by the Chinese government," Mr. Liu's wife said. "Since he was taken away (on May 26) I haven't heard from him and I don't know where he is now."

Gays demand rights in new S. Africa

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JOHANNESBURG (AFE — One thousand gay activising demanded homosexual rights feature in South Africa's new constitution in their first pour apartheid parade Samuday
"South Africa will have
shown once more that the
struggle can be won
spokesman David Houghhard told the crowd gathered out side the Library gardens at the centre of the capitals Houghland, a British ac described 1994 as a "year of celebration" for bomoser. celebration" for homosi uals, adding that though much had been achieved in 25 years of American homosexual militancy there was still much to be done. He cited the Pentagon's refusal to allow gay soldiers in the army while Israel gay men and lesbians served openly. Houghland is a star of the film And The Band Played On, now being screened in South Africa, in which he plays a gay rights' lobbyist in the early 1980s' under Reagan when the first AIDS case were recorded. Gay and Lesbian Organisation spokes, man Paul Stobbs said the new. constitution in South Africa was the only one in the world which outlawed any discrimination against homosexuals. "All prejudices should be eradicated," he told the crowd. Flower-laden floats, balloons, young men dressed as women or nuns, pink triangle symbols and the Rainbow flag predominated. One woman carried a placard

Berlusconi TV under probe

TURIN, Italy (AP) - The host of a quiz show on Premier Silvio Berlusconi's TV network as well as a former minister will be questioned by prosecutors probing alleged corruption, Itallian news reports said. The case dates back to Fininvest network's coverage of the 1993 Tour of Italy cycling event. The Italian daily La Voce reported that Giuseppe Mazzocchi, an employee of a government agency monitoring broadcast frequencies, was arrested Friday after a colleague accused him of tipping off Fininvest about an impending inspection to determine whether the network had incorrectly used local frequencies to broadcast the cycling race. Mr. Mazzocchi, according to La Voce, a Milan daily, allegedly alerted Fininvest in exchange for being picked to appear on Mike Bongiorno's quiz show Wheel Of Fortune. Mr. Mazzocchi won 30 million lire (almost \$20,000) as a contestant. La Voce reported that police seized list of other participants on Wheel Of Fortune and two other game shows hosted by Mr. Bongiorno. The Italian News Agency (ANSA) reported that Turin prosecutors will question Mr. Bongiorno and former Telecommunications Minister Maurizio Pagani in the case. The employee who implicated Mr. Mazzocchi is himself under investigation in another case for allegedly favouring a private radio sta-tion to win a local frequency.

Why he is still king of tenors

NEW YORK (AP) — Final-

ly, more than two hours into the evening, the faithless wife, her lover and her rejected suitor all had left the stage, and the tenor sat down alone, holding his clown costume, reflecting on his shat-tered life. Then Luciano Pavarotti launched into "Vesti La Giubba," the moment for which the audience of 3,800 had waited. Forget the "three tenors," those concerts at Atlantic City, the crossover pop albums - this was prime Pavarotti, the serious artist whose ardent tone, impeccable attack and eloquent diction remain largely untouched by the years. As he etched the brief, brooding melody that Leon-cavallo wrote for his tragic hero, Canio, he created a moment of musical glory that perhaps no other singer alive could equal. Friday night's performance at the Metropolitan Opera marked only the second time in his career that Pavarotti had sung the role in a staged production (the first was the season opener Monday). Yet at 58, and looking trimmer than he has in years (reportedly he has lost well over 100 pounds — 45 kgs), Payarotti is going strong. Next week he starts a run of performances in Puccini's Tosca at the Met. Next year he'll be back for Donizetti's Danghter Of The Regiment.

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Bosnian Serbs halt U.N. convoys in wake of accord

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honoured as it was not signed

by the Bosnian Serb military.

Their troops have disre-

garded some political deals in

Protection Force also ageed

to start talks on reopening

U.N.-controlled Sarajevo Airport for U.N. humanita-

Momcilo Krajisnik, speaker of the Serbs' self-styled parliament, warned that these talks would be trickier.

"We told General Rose

there are serious problems in

the use of the airport," Mr.

Krajisnik told the Bosnian

Serbs News Agency (SRNA), accusing Muslims of using it to attack Serbs.

cabinet told Reuters Sunday

the date for the talks had not

yet been set but "could take

place Monday at Sarajevo

The 27-month-old airlift to

Sarajevo's 380,000 people,

the longest recorded to a

war-isolated region, was

shelved after Serbs ringing

NATO jet targeted

by a missile while flying over

northern Bosnia this

weekend but managed to escape unharmed, NATO's

Southern Command said

Mirage 2000 was on a patrol

run over the area Saturday

along with another Mirage

when he saw the missile but

was unable to identify the

type, Captain John Mitchell,

spokesman for the North

Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Capt. Mitchell, who was

unable to specify who was

behind the incident and

whether more than one mis-

sile was fired, said an inves-

The two aircraft involved

in the incident are part of a

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The Serbs and the U.N.

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SARAJEVO (R) — Bosnian Serbs halted the first four U.N. convoys that tried to move through their territory Sunday despite an agreement only hours ago to lift a 10-day blockade and ensure their safe passage, U.N. officials

ights in the

"We had applied for nine convoys and received permission for seven and the first four have been halted at Bosnian Serb checkpoints," Claire Grimes, a U.N. spokesperson in Sarajevo

told Reuters Sunday.
"The feeling is it's Sunday morning and the orders haven't gone down the line yet, so we're going to give it some more time," she said.

The United Nations and Bosnian Serbs reached agreement Saturday to allow resumption Sunday of U.N. logistics and humanitarian aid road convoys under Serb blockade since a NATO air strike 10 days ago. The Bosnian Serbs also

accepted talks on restarting a vital U.N. airlift to Sarajevo grounded by Serb gunfire.

Diplomats in Sarajevo said Sunday it was the growing isolation which forced Serb leaders into an accommodation with the United Nations and which could give peacekeepers the upper hand for the first time in 30 months the city threatened to shoot of war.

The Bosnian Serbs love to hate the U.N. but they struck two agreements Saturday that make the UNPROFOR (U.N. Protection Force In Bosnia) look good," said a diplomat in Sarajevo, who asked not to be named.

"Now the border is sealed, they need the U.N. more than ever for supplies and technical assistance. The U.N. is their only real link to the world. They can't afford to lose that."

The anti-U.N. blockade had posed a potential humanitarian emergency for Serbencircled government enclaves with winter nearing and NATO hesitating to take tougher action against Serbs U.N. officers were plainly

relieved at the convoy pact. "It's a very good step forward from the position we were in," said Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of U.N. troops who guard government en-

claves in Bosnia. The separatist Serbs neutralised U.N. operations in the 70 per cent Bosnia they hold in fury at NATO jets' destruction of a Serb tank flouting Sarajevo's U.N.mandate security zone and a stiffening of U.N. sanctions

against them. With the U.N. mission in possible jeopardy, Gen. Rose and civilian aides coaxed the Bosnian Serb political leadership into two rounds of negotiations that lasted more than a day and produced two

agreements Saturday. The first was a U.N.brokered deal between Serbs and the Muslim-led Bosnian government to swap hundreds of war prisoners which provided momentum for the

second, more important pact. 'Approval has been given for the reopening of land routes for U.N. logistics convoys... commencing Oct. 2, a joint U.N.-Serb communique said in the first of four

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Secondly, "approval has been given for the (simultaneous) resumption of activities by international humanitarian organisations for the distribution of humanitarian

aid through land corridors." The communique also said warring factions were prepared to guarantee utility supplies needed by civilians 'on a reciprocal basis" in the Sarajevo region and other

war zones of Bosnia. Finally, it said, "mutual readiness has been expressed

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here, I sense Germany's in-

creased responsibility," Mr. Herzog told German televi-

"The danger this entails,

and which I to some extent

feel is desired by Eastern

European states, is the im-

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for Germany. Germany Saturday began three days of festivities to mark the fourth anniversary of German unification with politicians lamenting that the peoples of east and west had not grown together in the

years of togetherness.
Parliament President Rita

esteem, we still have a huge amount to do," Ms. Suessmuth told German radio.

The festivities for German Unity Day, which falls on

Defeated Rwandan Hutus seek share of government

GOMA, Zaire (Agencies) — Leaders of Rwandan Hutu refugees camped around this Zairean border town have told the U.N. they want a power-sharing deal with the victorious Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) government before they return home.

Two planeloads of Japanese troops flew into Goma Sunday to provide relief assistance for Rwandan refugees — a landmark mission for a nation which, for nearly five decades after its defeat in World War II, barred its armed forces from all services abroad.

U.N. officials meanwhile stepped up efforts to regain control of a refugee camp from lawless members of the Hutu militia who were blamed for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Tutsis earlier this year.

Discussion of a mass return to Rwanda took place Saturday between a delegation of refugees led by the head of the army of the former ousted Kwandan government, Major-General Augustine Bizimungu, and representatives of aid agencies, the U.N. and Zairean government officers.

The Rwandans said the refugees were prepared to return home if their demand for

a power-sharing deal was

agreed. Nigerian Brigadier-General Henry Aniydoho, deputy commander of the U.N. Assistance Mission In Rwanda, told Reuters Satur-

day.
"The refugee leaders said they wanted some kind of say government. We have talked about these issues over and over. They didn't come out with a clear sign that they were willing to compromise. U.N. officials said that while Gen. Bizimungu's group gave other conditions for a return, their main concern was for political integra-

Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu, a Hutu moderate chosen by the Tutsi-dominated RPF after its civil war victory, spoke strongly in Kigali Saturday about the need for reconciliation.

But he said nothing about sharing power with former government leaders, whom he blames for the massacres that followed the April 6 death of President Juvenal Habyarimana as he returned from a peace summit.

The U.N. led group held more talks Sunday with other refugees in the nearby town of

A spokesman said they ex-

amined living conditions of the refugees and looked for ways in which they could be

helped to accept repatriation. The delegation was also discussing the possibility of using U.N. troops to move the ex-soldiers to a new site. further away from other Rwandan refugees. Lyndall Sachs, spokes-

woman for the U.N. refugee agency UNHCR, said that all aid agencies had resolved not to return to the Katale refugee camp north of Goma until they received guarantees on the security of their workers.

Some 270,000 people live in Katale camp. Ninety international aid workers aban-doned it Friday after receiv-

ing threats.
U.N. officials were meeting refugee leaders north of Goma Sunday to seek clear proposals on security guarantees, Ms. Sachs said.

"We told the refugee leaders in clear terms that we would not go back unless they guaranteed security. We don't like to do it because vulnerable groups like women, children, elderly and the sick are hurt, but it has to be done," she added.

Katale is one of a series of camps set up to house nearly a million refugees who

the experts said Sunday.

off the coast of Finland.

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He said images taken by an

unmanned submarine pro-

vided a "very high quality

picture" of the stricken ship

which capsized last week kill-

ing 910 of the passengers on

Mr. Karppinen said a com-

mission of enquiry would

meet in coming days to study

the video images but he

would not comment on

whether that would be

enough to determine the

He added that no bodies

were seen by robot cameras

which went all around the

wreckage now lying at a

depth of around 75 metres

shore just before midday,

"We haven't decided yet

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very thorough investigation."



The leader of the Rwandan Patriotic Front General Paul Kagame (left) and Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu at the military rally commemorating the 4th anniversary of

the Tutsi rebellion against the regime of President Juvenal Habyarimana, in Kigali

crossed from northwest

Rwanda in July. They are under the sway of former officials of the ousted Rwandan government and 28,000 soldiers and militia members who also fled to Zaire. The troops and militiamen are blamed for the massacre of an estimated million people between April and

U.N. officials say they have repeatedly asked Zairean authorities to disarm the Rwandan soldiers and isolate them, but Zairean army officers say they do not have enough men to tackle the

Meanwhile the general who led Rwanda's Tutsi rebels to victory in the civil war appealed to them Saturday not to seek revenge against Hutus blamed for ethnic mas-

sacres. Maj. Gen. Kagame. vice president in the new Tutsiinstalled government, criticised "foreigners who come to preach division," a reference to allegations by some relief officials that rebels have carried out widespread

reprisal killings. The U.N. High Commission for Refugees Saturday conceded intimidation by Hutu extremists - not re-

Robots bring back first images of Estonia wreck

prisals by government troops - is the main reason more than 2 million Rwandan refugees are not returning home from camps in neighbouring countries.

"Ninety per cent of the problem is related to the presence of ex-government soldiers in the camps," said UNHCR spokeswoman Marjane Aalam.

The agency in the past week claimed Gen. Kagame's troops were engaged in systematic killing and persecution of Hutu returnees. charges the government de-Gen. Kagame, addressing

soldiers and supporters at celebrations in Kigali marking the fourth anniversary of the rebels' first attack in northeast Rwanda, said Rwandan soldiers were dutybound to prevent further ethnic bloodshed in their central African nation. "We must take sure genocide nev-er happens again." said Gen. Kagame, to wild cheers from some 30,000 people who packed a sports stadium in Kigali's decimated western

suburb of Nyamirambo. About 2,000 rebel soldiers sang victory songs ahead of performances by dance troupes and a soccer match.

Mr. Bizimungu also urged supporters Saturday to maintain peace and security.

"Everyone has the right to life... there must be absolute respect for human rights. If that does not happen, all our efforts will have been in

vain," he said. Mr. Bizimungu said the government will convene a special commission to draw up an accurate tally of the number of people who died in the ethnic slaughter and organise the burial of massacre victims scattered across the countryside.

Numerous massacre sites have been discoverd since April, with many thousands of decomposed corpses left unburied as killers fled the rebel advance along with re-

The government has been angered by reports of fresh killings released by the UNHCR that it says are unsubstantiated. It has admitted arresting 60 to 70 of its soldiers for vengeance crimes but says reprisals are isolated

In an apparent damage control effort, the UNHCR has invited a top level government delegation to a meeting of its officials in Geneva. beginning Monday.

Kibumba camp, near Goma (AFP photo) Helicopters attack Chechenya village

MOSCOW (R) - Russian news agencies said Sunday that five helicopters attacked la village in the rebel region of Chechenya, killing one person and wounding several

Last month, two British fighter planes were also targeted by missiles over northwest Bosnia and were Meanwhile, Russian Foreidentification marks struck

ign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said lifting the arms embargo in Bosnia would be a "suicidal decision" that could enlarge the conflict in the for-"Nobody in practical terms

would ever contemplate liftoperators said lines to Grozing (the arms) embargo as a my were cut. means of bringing peace to Bosnia," Mr. Kozyrev said in a CNN television interview. 'This is just a suicidal decision... because it is lifting all the restraints of the war.

Bosnian President Aliia Izetbegovic earlier in the week backed away from his volved in the conflict, Interlongstanding demand for an immediate lifting of the embargo in Bosnia-Herzegovina and asked the U.N. Security Council to pass a resolution lifting it in six

Mr. Kozyrev, who was in New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly, said any lifting of the embargo would be "a desperate gesture to bring outright war to the

President Bill Clinton and others have called for lifting the embargo to allow the Muslim-led Bosnian government to defend itself against the Bosnian Serbs, who have seized 70 per cent of the Balkan state.

In reports from Checheny a's capital Grozfiv, ITAR-TASS and Interfax agencies said the helicopters with no

the Kalinovsky village north of the breakaway republic. They had no details on the type of helicopters used in the raid. The reports could not be independently confirmed. Moscow telephone

Interfax quoted aides of Chechen President Dzhokar Dudayev as alleging the helicopters belonged to the Russian army in the north Caucasus. A Defence Ministry spokesman in Moscow denied Russian forces were in-

fax said. Moscow makes no secret of its desire to see Mr. Dudayev's downfall and a swift end to the tiny north Caucasus republic's fragile independence declared by the Chechen leader after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russia has strong commercial interest in Chechenya, a vital oil refining centre. It has openly backed the opposition of several armed groups fighting to topple Mr. Dudayev but it denies it is involved militarily.

In another incident, jour-nalists of the Chechen-Press News Agency in Grozny contacted by telephone from Moscow reported another attack by two helicopters on a military airfied in Shcholkovsky region about 80

A Rwandan refugee argues with other refugees at a Red Cross food distribution centre in

kilometres east of the capital. They said an airport mechanic was wounded in the Sunday attack. The helicopter had no identification marks.

The latest reports followed an air raid Friday on Grozny Airport buildings when two helicopters damaged the control tower and two civilian planes and slightly wounded several people.

Opposition leaders claimed responsibility for the raid. News reports from the reion said Mr. Dudayev blamed the attack on the Kremlin at an emergency meeting of his general staff Saturday. A government spokesman said measures were drawn up for stiff resist-

Russia has accused Mr. Dudayev of shedding the blood of his own people and vowed it will do everything possible to protect them. Mr. Dudayev, a former air force general, regards himself as heir to the Chechens who resisted Moscow's rule in a 19th century conflict that bogged down Russian troops in the region. He still enjoys

and organised army. Russian media reports from Chechenya are sketchy and differ widely in details. Their sympathies, just like those of the Kremlin, seem to lie with the opposition. Recent TASS reports claiming fighting and heavy casualties in central Grozny have later

whether to go inside the wreck," he said. Mr. Karppinen was part of the support of a well-armed a team that left the tiny port of Nauvo in southwest Finland at dawn on board the Halli, arriving at the site 100 kilometres (60 miles) off-

and sending two unmanned submarines into the Baltic depths. The first images of the Estonia were received on proved unfounded. board the Halli at 12:50 a.m. (1050 GMT), said Mr. Karppinen who was reached by telephone.

> The robots took around 15 minutes to reach the sunken ferry before sending back video pictures screened directly aboard the Halli.

The Halli has two remotecontrolled submarines fitted with cameras which are to transmit live pictures of the wreck back to investigators.

Both submarines are equipped with floodlights to penetrate the underwater gloom, but visibility was still expected to be no more than three metres (10 feet), forcing the robots to work almost right up against the wreck, Finnish officials said.

The wind in the area fell to around 36 kilometres (21 the ferry that night. miles) an hour early Sunday Attendances were high. after reaching 90 kilometres according to a spokesman of



Estonian sportsman Aun Alar Johanson is Johanson is one of the 139 survivors of the welcomed by his parents at Tallinn's airport accident (AFP photo)

and coastguard officials said the conditions should be calm enough to permit good film-

after he escaped from the Estonia ferry crash.

ing.
But weather conditions were expected to be bad Monday with high winds affecting search operations. Finnish officials were

meanwhile refusing to rely too much on the accounts of survivors, several of whom reported seeing the Estonia go down without its bow door. That had given credence to theories that the vessel had set sail in an unseaworthy condition.

Kari Lehtola said it was "possible" part of the ferry had been "missing," but stressed it was "too early" for further comment.

He said that any conclu-

sions drawn from the film of the wreck would not be announced until they had first been passed on to the three-nation enquiry into the

Mr. Karppinen, said he though it would be "possible to find the cause without raising the wreck, because divers can go down there and take some small parts of the wreck to analyze them." But he added the complete investigation could "easily take one or two years."

Swedes gathered in churches across the country Sunday to mourn and honour the victims of the Estonia ferry disaster.

Churches across the country held special masses Sunday as mourners congregated in sorrow over the 552 Swedes who were on board passengers drowned, includ-

At Norrkoeping, 160 kilometres southwest of Stockholm, inhabitants packed the Hedvig Church to mourn 52 of its residents who perished in the wreck.

A sea of candles burned inside the church and at the alter. Family members and loved ones, overcome with emotion, stepped up to the altar one after the other, to read and pay tribute to the 52 retired people who left Norrkoeping for Estonia and never returned.

In Tallinn, grief-struck

Estonians packed churches Sunday to remember their friends and relatives who drowned earlier this week in Europe's worst shipping disaster since World War II. At the medieval Saint Mary's Cathedral in Tallinn's old quarter, the congregation sat in stunned silence among flickering candles as an

organist and cellist played Bach's haunting "Aria." A heavy man in a brown leather jacket held his face in his hands. A gaunt, elderly man ran his long pale fingers nervously over a black hymn book. A young woman fought to hold back the tears,

staring fixedly at the pulpit. Several people trying to sing hymns were unable. their faces of silent grief cracking into open tears. "It's tragic and we think

about it constantly." said the organist, 34-year-old Kadri Ploompuu who sailed on the Estonia ferry two weeks before it sank during a storm in the Baltic Sea Wednesday. Close to 900 of the 1,049

ing nearly all of the 188 Esto-

nian crew and 163 Estonian

a regular Tallinn to Stockholm voyage on the modern. 15,000-tonne ferry.

For Estonia, a country co just 1.5 million people, the scale of the losses were magnified, with most people knowing or knowing of someone who died.

Ms. Ploompuu said her travelling companion from two weeks ago had taken the doomed ferry back to Steck-holm and was believed to have drowned. "It's terrible. shocking," she said.

Outside the central Kaarli Church a 59-year-old woman who asked not to be named said she had come to pray for the victims, who included her 53-year-old cousin.

Our families were very close. He was on a business trip. It was a terrible blow," she said, squinting her redstreaked eyes against the

"I'm so sad. I just want to pray to God that He saves him," she said.

Then, reflecting the added agony caused by incomplete survivors' lists, she added "maybe he's alive, maybe he'll be found" and went into the church crying.

The original passenger list was apparently incomplete and the fact that hundreds of bodies are entombed under 80 metres (262 feet) of water means the victims can only be identified through deduction. Only a fraction of the bodies have been recovered.

Maria Krean, an 18-yearold Tallinn University student said she had several friends on the ship and had come to the Kaarli Church to pray. "I'm very shocked

Germans warned against dominance impression BREMEN, Germany (R) on a third path, a special path and Berlin Saturday with taxes needed to fund the street fairs offering wine,

President Roman Herzog warned Germany to avoid creating the impression of dominating Europe as the country marked the fourth anniversary of unification with street fairs and parades Sunday. "Whenever I travel abroad

Suessmuth said east and west Germans, reunited on Oct. 3. 1990 after four decades of cold war division, still had not developed a sense of soli-

"In terms of reciprocal

pionships.

Communists. Westerners, for their part,

beer and food from the 16 federal states. On Sunday, some 2,200

representatives from the states paraded in traditional costume in the capital Berlin while Bremen hosted the German Classics International Indoor Riding Cham-The celebrations are beign

overshadowed by a general election in two weeks, in which many easternes, weary of high unemployment and impatient for the economic spoils of unification promised by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, may chose to back reform

modernisation of former East Police in Bremen Saturday raided the offices of a group

calling itself the "Bremen

Alliance Against Celebra-tions On The Day Of Ger-man Unity," and said they found a large quantity of spray guns and loudspeakers. Demonstrations by groups opposed to unification, which had been called for Monday in Bremen where the official celebrations take place, have

been banned. Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said that as Germans came to terms with the problems brought by unity, they should not forget the human

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Peace and the debt burden

JORDAN'S lobbying for debt relief during the meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Madrid deserves a sympathetic consideration by the country's creditors grouped in the Paris Club. The minister of finance, Sami Gammoh, is expected to present the Kingdom's case before the Madrid meetings on the heels of the recent agreement between Washington and Amman to write off \$220 million of Jordan's debts to the U.S. The Paris Club countries hold about \$4 billion of the country's total foreign debts totalling about \$6.7 billion. Given the need for an international investment in the successful peace process in the Middle East, Mr. Gammoh is pressing for a 50 per cent write-off of these debts.

The European creditors, hopefully, will be persuaded to follow in the footsteps of Washington which is committed to writing off the rest of Jordan's official debts to the U.S., which total just over \$700 m.

It goes without saying that the region is going through a very delicate period due to the critical junctures that have been reached by the various parties. As things stand now, the people of Jordan have a right to see and feel the dividends of peace and how they may relate to their daily lives. Jordan cannot be expected to construct a solid foundation for peaceful existence with Israel and extend the rormalisation process with it as long as poverty in the country is considerable and the numbers of the unemployed are not decreasing. The heavy burdens imposed on the national economy by the current foreign debts obviously preclude the government from taking effective remedial measures to rectify the problem. There is no sense in attaining peace between the various states of the area if their internal security and stability continue to be threatened by underdevelopment and lack of economic and financial resources.

Investment in the Jordanian economy by writing off at least 50 per cent of its debts to the Paris Club creditors is therefore a direct investment in peace, security and stability in the region. In the long run, a prosperous Middle East could mean a bigger market, entailing a greater volume of trade and commerce with the rest of the world. That is why the case for cancelling Jordan's external debts makes sense, both politically and eco-

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I daily Sunday decried a decision by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to end their boycott of foreign firms that deal with Israel, saying that this decision could not have happened had the Arabs been more united. The GCC decision does not only reflect the disarray in Arab ranks and the lack of solidarity among the Arab states, but also the immense pressure exercised on them by the United States to normalise their relations with Israel, said the daily. For its part Jordan had made it clear that a decision of this kind should come from an Arab consensus through the Arab League and only once the Israelis have responded favourably to Arab rightful demands, said the daily. Such a decision should have been linked to a condition of lifting Israeli boycott of Israeli Airch, and an end to occupation of Arab land, continued the daily. The decision to end the boycott can only be interpreted as another gain for the Jewish state, which has given up nothing in return and continues to occupy Arabiand, added the paper. The Arabs, said the paper, have offered more than they can to reach a lasting settlement but received nothing from Israel, which, said the paper, does not fall under pressure from the so-called American peace mediator. It is time, said the paper, that Washington exercised pressure on Israel to secure its compliance with the requirements of peace and it is time for the Arab countries to stop offering further concessions in a show of

NOT A single sensible Arab person can accept the GCC decision at a time when the Arab Gulf states continue to exercise pressure on the United States to maintain the large on Irag, said Ahmad Dabhas, a columnist in The writer said it is rather painful to see this happening and to witness such disarray in Arab ranks at a time when only the foreign nations are making serious efforts to lift the sanctions and end the sufferings of the Iraqi people. What is more deplorable is to see these Arab states ending their boycott of foreign firms dealing with israel at a time when they realise that the Jewish state has not given up the occupied Arab lands, nor recognised the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland, said the

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The battle of the need for 'integration' against the tradition of 'segregation'

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein recently called on the government to ensure the equal treatment of Jordanians. No doubt, the King did not make this intervention in a vaccum, but because he felt that more can still be done to accord Jordanians equal treatment. An obvious example of inequality between Jordanians is of course the ongoing discrimination against women in law and practice. There are other examples of discrimination which assume a more subtle nature. To be sure, there is no country in the world that has succeeded fully in uprooting discrimination within its society. Some of these areas of discrimination are rooted in history, tradition and human nature, which cannot be. dealt with effectively by legislations alone.

What concerns us in Jordan are practices of discrimina-

tion that are either have the backing of the laws of the country or constitute an established policy of the central government. Whenever unequal treatment of people becomes systematic, the government in all its branches must step in to amend these violations. Against this backdrop, we, as a country and people, have to make up our minds about whether we want an "integrationalist" society and country or a "segregationalist" one where the people are divided into separate components with separate functions to perform. Clearly, there is no simple solution to the challenges facing the country in this domain. In the final

analysis we need to satisfy ourselves about whether we seek short-term solutions or long-term panaceas. If we focus on the immediate and expedient settlement of this thorny issue, then obviously our choices are rather limited and short-lived. If, on the other hand, we seek a more permanent and durable formula, we should be looking for other ways which could be more enlightened and solid. I certainly don't have the answer to this challenge. Perhaps the Royal Commission entrusted with modernising the country could be mandated to look into this vexing issue. Better still, another Royal task force could entrusted with looking into this matter from all its aspects and dimensions, relying on the expertise of enlightened people who can be drawn from academia, the business community.

These Jordanians can best tackle this problem from its intellectual, legal, political and perspectives social. We certainly need new blood to look into how best to set the dynamics of modernisation in all its manifestation into motion. Political dinosaurs who have been exhausted must let go and a new breed of people must be allowed to start examining these issues that face the country.

Getting back to the issue of discrimination in the country, it has to be admitted, nevertheless, that the issue has a wider context in the country than is normally the case in other countries. The parameters of any attempt to deal with it must be drawn with the Jordanians identity, independence and territorial very much in mind. Any sensible solution that keeps these considerations very much in form sould be attentioned. in focus could be entertained. Whether we wish to be bold enough to call for affirmative action in combating discrimination as many other countries have done rather successfully or opt for a low key interventionist policy to amend our ways and practices where they need to be changed is something that requires a thorough scrutiny by the suggested task force.

In any case, King Hussein has raised the issue and the government of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali may wish to respond by articulating its future course of action. Surely, the Cabinet has a programme of action up its sleeves in this regard. The concern of the King cannot but be addressed properly. When the government announces what it intends to do with this concern, the public would have an opportunity to comment and submit counter or supplementary views. We are all waiting impatiently for the reaction of the government. The kind of seeds that the government would decide to sow for future harvesting could mean the difference between continued stability and progress and uncertainty.

Germany: New realities, new vision

By Dr. Klaus Kinkel

TO MOST Germans, the dramatic months from the dismantling of the wall in Berlin in November 1989 to the country's reunification on Oct. 3 1990 are an unforgettable period which has greatly influenced our lives. For 43 years Germany was the focal point of the cold war. The gulf that di-vided the world into two antagonistic camps ran right throught he middle of our country. For decades we lived not only with the feeling of being divided but in the awareness that Germany, in the event of a military escalation of the East-West conflict, would inevitably have become the battlefield in what may possibly have turned out to be a nuclear war.

The German revolution of the autumn of 1989 marked the end of that epoch. That peaceful change brought Germany unity in freedom.

ing the nation on the day of unity were awesome. After 40 years of dictatorship in the East, democratic political and administrative structures had to be created in what were now the new federal states. A manufacturing industry that had previously functioned as a planned economy without any consideration for consumer demand, costs or ecological requirements, had to be reorganised along market-economy lines and geared to new products and markets. The past four years have seen tremendous financial and individual endeavours. Our fellowcountrymen in Eastern Germany — especially have set about their task in admirable fashion. Today we can say that in spite of the remaining problems we are making progress. Eastern Germany is now, four years after unification, the region with the highest economic growth rate in

In terms of our external relations as well, the country's situation has undergone thorough change in that brief span. The global confrontation originating in the conflict over divided Gemany has been consigned to history. We are all living in an incomparably safer world. For the first time in her history Germany has obtained her unity without opposition from neighbours and partners, indeed with their agreement. United Germany is not in dispute with any of her neighbours but rather maintains friendly relations with each of them. In the light of history this was surely the finest unification present Germany could have hoped for on that day

Germany's unification in peace and freedom with the blessing of all her neighbours was the outcome of a long-term, deliberative foreign policy, the main elements of which were:

1. An unconditional willingness to integrate Germany politically and economically into a Europe seeking union. That policy automatically ruled out the option of an exclusively national policy,

2. The country's unerring adherence to the Trans-Atlantic remained clear and calculable. The alliance stood firm against threats and intimidation, but it also extended the hand of cooperation and friendship to the former enemy as soon as this became possible.

3. The country's constructive involvement in the work of the United Nations, in the field of deyelopment policy, in the di-alogue between North and South, in global measures to protect the environment. and in the defence of human rights. In this way Germany was able over decades to win international confidence as a partner in solv-

ing mankind's problems. This long-term and cal-culable policy has not only brought Germany unity in peace and freedom but remains the guideline for the sovereign, larger Germany. The experience of recent decades proves that Germany is best served by such a policy. Security and prosperity are today no zero-sum game. On the contrary, everyone gains by the security and economic development of others. We Germans have a particular interest in the economic success and democratic progress of our new neighbours and partners in Eastern Europe in particular. These are the basic prerequisites for stability and lasting peace throughout

At the same time we realise that, as nations become more and more interrelated, the fight against hunger and overpopulation around the world becomes a direct concern of the Germans, a concern which they share with their partners. All this crystallises into

the following: We continue to bank on the deepening of Euro-pean integration and the enlargement of the European Union (EU). These are the foundations of stability and prosperity, not only for ourselves but for our partners as well. We adhere to the Atlantic Alliance, which through the Partnership for Peace has come up with a design which promises peace and security for ourselves and for our former enemies.

We will fulfil our growing international responsibility, not by a nationalist approach but by helping to strengthen and develop the international security system, maintained by the United Nations and the Con-



Klaus Kinkel

ference for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). We advocate a realistic, effective form of multilateralism. We shall remain a reliable and committed partner of the nations of the South, despite the huge financial burden we are having to shoulder as a result of the restructuring process in Eastern Germany.

Even after the country's reunification and the radical changes of recent years, this general policy line remains unaltered. This continuity makes our foreign policy unambiguous and predictable. It is consistent with our country's fundamental interests and is borne by a broad political consensus. Today, in the fourth year after reunification, our partners know that the foundations of Germany's foreign policy are unshakable, unquestion-

The writer is Foreign Minister of Germany. He wrote the following article on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the German reunification, which falls today. Mon-

Beyond the dilemma, a vision

By Abba Eban

THE BEST way to appraise a policy is to reflect on the alternatives. This logic brings us face to face with the opposition leader, who gave a recent interview to Ma'ariv's weekend supplement. Here are Binyamin Netanyahu's words:

"I shall enter the negotiation and demand the Golan Heights for Israel. I shall find other ways — and there are many such — to widen the canvas and offer important concessions to Syria. Water, for example."

These words reveal a genuine opposition dilemma. To get peace with Egypt, the Begin adminis-tration gave back every inch of Sinai and reduced the Yamit settlements to scorched earth. When the Likud, which renounced everything for peace with Egypt, now asserts that it can get peace by giving no-thing back to Syria, it loses all credibility.

A rational policy state-ment should obey the principle of consequence. It is easy for a rhetorician to proclaim that he will "demand the whole of the Golan for Israel." There is little conviction in such a trumpet blast unless it is accompanied by an analysis of the results.

The result of such a declaration by an Israeli leader would be to shatter the most of hopeful and universally applauded peace initiative that has ever received converging assent by most of the parties at issue in the Middle East. The aftermath would be the collapse of hope and the despair of peace.

A growing sentiment would conclude that peace is intrinsically beyond the capacity of our region. The Middle East would be condemned to domination by radicalism, extremism and renewed violence. It is improbable that anyone would attempt a serious peace initiative in this generation. It is not even true that

there would be a negotiation for Mr. Netanyahu to "enter." President Hafez Assad is not likely to participate in a negotiation based on Israeli annexation of Syrian territory, any more than Mr. Sadat would ever have agreed to negoti-ate with Israel if he had been warned that Israel regarded all Sinai as its own.

The opposition does not get a boost for sagacity by its offer to compensate Syria for loss of territory by offering "water, for exam-ple." This vague, dismissive gesture seems bound to become a humorous slogan in the next Israeli election. It evokes the picture of a par-ched, drought-ridden Syria yearning for the opulent waters of Israel.

The biblical literature reveals our Jewish forebears as envious of Syria's plentiful waters. Water for land is not a viable formula for the Syrian-Israeli dispute. Refusal to seek a boundary settlement with Syria would deprive the Israeli people of its last chance of living in a contractual rather than in a

coercive regional order. Much depends on how the dilemma is defined. The future of the Golan settlers is a legitimately burning issue, but it does not express the full scope of the

problem. The stakes are much higher. Peace with Syria would

take the success of Zionism to a point of climax. It would have a greater transforming effect even than that achieved with Egypt. the Palestinians and Jor-

Syria, more than Egypt and Jordan, has been the standard bearer of the anti-Zionist theme in Arab nationalism. It is an astonishing achievement to have brought Damascus into the necessity of plastering its streets with the slogans of peace with Israel.

The conclusion of an agreement with Syria would be followed by the establishment of relations with a dozen other Arab states. There would be nowwhere else for the old hatred to go. Israel would be at home in its own region for the first time. The issue is drawn between the Israeli future after the erosion of Syrian hostility — or after the dramatic failure of a peace prospect that has electrified the world.

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In June 1967, a few weeks after the end of the Six Day war, a government of national unity headed by Levi Eshkol and reinforced by the membership of Menachem Begin and Moshe Dayan offered Egypt and Syria peace treaties based on the recog-nised international boundaries, subject to free passage in the Red Sea and an agreement on the division

of waters in Israel's north. One of the motives was to avoid a repetition of 1956, when Israel was pressured into abandoning territorial gains without the attainment of a peace settlement. This success was achieved. Five draft resolutions urging withdrawal without peace were defeated by U.N. votes in 1967. But behind the admitted tactical aim of thwarting a success for Arab radicalism, there was an Israeli policy inspired by a larger vision

of regional harmony.
This was shattered by the Khartoum Arab conference of September 1967. But it has now come within a tangible prospect of fulfillment as a result of nearly three decades of Israeli tenacity in the military and diplomatic fields: Both major Israeli political parties have contributed to this opportunity between the Camp David accords and the actions of the Rabin-Peres government in the past two years.

To break this momentum would be to lay a heavy burden on the Israeli conscience for generations to

Israeli foreign minister and a former ambassador to the U.N. The article is reprinted from the Jerusalem Post.

NATO racehorse chained to U.N. plough in Bosnia By Kurt Schork

Reuter

SARAJEVO — NATO aircraft in Bosnia, designed to cripple an enemy by killing his troops, destroying his armour and obliterating bridges and power plants have attacked targets chosen for their irrele-

vance. The NATO racehorse has been chained to a U.N.

When French peacekeepers came under repeated fire from Bosnian Serb forces last week in Sarajevo the U.N. ordered NATO to strike the tank sitting in a field outside the city and gave 30-minute notice so nobody would get

U.N. officials described the riposte as "robust" and "proportional" to the provocation, in which French peacekeepers were hit by Serb anti-tank weapons.

injured.

But NATO saw the attack as too little, too late and as one more sign that its credibility as Europe's ultimate deterrent is being squandered by a U.N. peacekeeping mission squeamish about the use of

"You cannot rely on the credible threat of overwhelming force once you have demonstrated in word and deed that you won't use it," said a diplomatic source in Sarajevo, who asked not to be named.

"(General Michael) Rosé said again this week the U.N. can't bomb its way to peace. The situation has deteriorated so far the U.N. is more worried about the Serbs than the Serbs are about NATO."

General Rose, the U.N. commander in Bosnia, initiates requests for air strikes from NATO.

sparingly so far -- there have been five air-toground strikes in 30 months of war - and the U.N. has kept them under tight reineven on those occasions.

Gen. Rose argues that lightly-armed, widely-dispersed peacekeepers would be taken hostage or worse by rebel Serbs if NATO ever attacked in force and says the possibility for a peaceful settlement of the Bosnian war would

This clash of cultures the U.M.'s preference for plodding diplomacy and aid work versus NATO's doctrine of massive military force - is further complicated by deep political divi-sions within NATO and the Security Council.

The United States is pressing hard to use NATO's big stick in Bos-

"When we go in, I want

force, force not necessarily proportionate to the action at stake, but enough to make it clear that there is a heavy price to pay for violating these rules that NATO has established," U.S. Defence Secretary William Perry said this

Britain and France, who have about ten thousand peacekeepers on the ground in Bosnia between them while the United States has none, have serious reservations about Mr. Perry's approach.

Diplomats say the U.S. wants to reduce Gen. Rose's discretionary control over air strike timing and target selection. Warmaking and

peacekeeping simply aren't compatible activities," said a U.N. official in Sarajevo who asked not to be named. "If NATO gets its way, the U.N. mission here will not last very long."

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(Continued from page 1) Jordanian," Dr. Majali said (see separate story).

In an interview on Saturday, Dr. Majali said Jordan had not reached agreement with Israel on any of the key issues in their peace talks.

"Until now there is no issue that we have reached agreement on ... as you know the common agenda has a number of varied subjects being discussed on their own," he said.

"None of the issues (in the agenda) have reached their final conclusion," Dr. Majali said when asked if Jordan and Israel would sign a peace treaty soon.

Israeli response acceptable

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may be." Israel's resistance to Jordan's demands for a fair share of the waters of the River Jordan and Yarmouk is another major obstacle in the quest for a peace agreement. Dr. Majali was not asked about the issue during the

press conference. Israel is known to be standing firm on its position that water-sharing could be discussed in the context of making available new resources and is stalling on any discussions on allocating the available waters.

In response to a question on reports that Israel was Droposing to lease Jordanian land under its control where Israelis have developed agriculture, Dr. Majali said the most important thing was to malise the borders and then iscuss various options.

"Once we establish these (border) lines and then if they want to discuss any other matters of rectification here or there, we are not going to be that hard; we are Ging to listen to them," he

The prime minister disclosed that Israel had "accepted and admitted" that Jordan had sovereignty over a plot near the convergence of the Rivers Jordan and Yannouk "though the own-'ership is not Jordanian."

Dr. Majali was referring to a plot of land which belonged

to the Jewish-owned Palestine Electricity Company dating back to the late 1930s. The plot was sold at the time to the power company, Rottenburg, whose production facilities in the area were

Jordan, anxious not to set precedents that could be cited by Israel to its own advantage, has left the site untouched

bombed out during the 1948

The Israeli recognition of Jordanian sovereignty over the land, Dr. Majali said, is a "big step," given the Jewish state's track record with Egypt after signing the Camp David agreements and its insistence on keeping the Taba coastal resort that belonged to Egypt. (The issue was taken to the International Court of Justice, which ruled in favour of Egypt after several years to Israeli-

Egyptian wrangling). The main thing is to build confidence and acceptance between the two sides and try to reason as much as we can in the arguments so that we could reach solutions," Dr. Majali told the press confer-

Reports in the Israeli press have said that the Jewish state was offering to lease parts of the land in the south where Israelis have developed agricultural farms or to give Jordan altenative land equal in size to the plots that the Israelis say they want to

Yeltsin has good reason to be pleased with summit

By David Ijunggren Reuter

WASHINGTON - With political turmoil brewing back home, Russian President Boris Yeltsin has good reason to be happy with the just-ended summit in Washington.

"We have to be satisfied with all the major items during the visit," Russian Foreign Ministry Press Chief Grigory Karasin said after Mr. Yeltsin wrapped up two days of talks with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

"The number of important issues discussed was unprecedented, as was the level of understanding," he

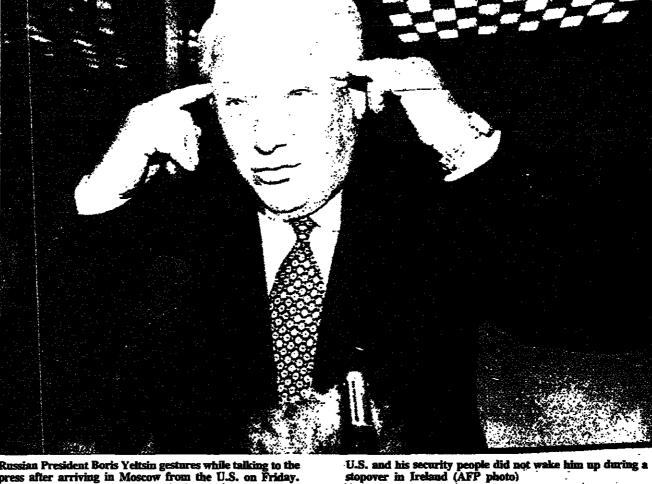
The main significance for Mr. Yeltsin after his meetings with the man he calls "Bill" could well be that U.S.-Russian relations are now so good they can be put on autopilot.

That would suit Mr. Yeltsin perfectly: Political tensions at home, dormant for much of this year, are flaring up yet again.

His press spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, told Izvestia newspaper on Thursday Mr. Yeltsin's advisers were battling for influence ahead of Russia's 1996 presidential elections. He said democracy in Russia could be at stake.

Izvestia suggested senior Yeltsin aide Viktor Ilyushin was pressing for more influ-ence and possibly putting the job of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin at

Mr. Yeltsin firmly backed Mr. Chernomyrdin on Wednesday, telling Russian reporters: "As long as I am the president, Chernomyrdin will remain head of the



Russian President Boris Yeltsin gestures while talking to the press after arriving in Moscow from the U.S. on Friday. Mr. Yeltsin said he was exhausted after the flight from the

Russian government."

With the prospect of further upheavals at home. Mr. Yeltsin at least knows he does not have to worry about serious problems in ties with Washington for

the time being.
Another Yeltsin spokesman. Anatoly Krasikov, said the Clinton meetings reflected the new more flexible nature of relations, light years away from the tense rigid superpower summits of the cold war. "In those days the visits

were prepared beforehand to the last full stop and the two leaders were only figureheads," he said. "They... signed (documents) not even knowing

what they were signing. "Now it is the leaders who do the most important work themselves. In the Yeltsin told a White House olden days they sat on

opposite sides of a river. Now they are partners." Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Clinton have for the time being agreed to quietly disagree

on several topics including

Russian arms sales to Iran

and policy on Bosnia. "What family does not have arguments which can-not be solved later?" Mr. news conference.

Mr. Krasikov added: "A lot of questions remained but they are practical ones. The strategy has been determined but the aides have to work out the tactics."

Mr. Yeltsin flew to the United States determined to press for an end to trade restrictions on Russian goods and to persuade the reluctant U.S. business community it was time to turn on the investment taps. It was widespread un-

happiness about the crumbling Russian economy that fuelled much of the nation's political unrest last year. which ended in October when Mr. Yeltsin sent tanks in against a rebellious parliament.

Business deals worth £1 billion were signed during this visit, but of more importance to Mr. Yeltsin was the agreement he signed with Mr. Clinton to lift trade curbs and start building a normal trade relationship between the two giant countries.

Mr. Yeltsin's cosy relationship with Mr. Clinton did not stop him from making gentle approaches to the Democratic president's Republican rivals during the Washington visit, however.

Mr. Yeltsin, experienced at political infighting and more interested in official state relations than in personal ones, knows Mr. Clinton is in deep political trouble at home and might not be around after 1996 presidential elections.

Accordingly, at an offi-cial dinner for Mr. Clinton at the new Russian embassy Wednesday evening there were a number of leading Republicans on the guest

They included former U.S. secretary of state James Baker, who is considering whether to run for the Republican presidential nomination in 1996.

Also present was retired general Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has not yet declared a party affiliation but whom many Republicans would like to see on their 1996 ticket.

Mahathır says visit fruitful

(Continued from page 1) deal of scope, for trade between the two countries, the question is identifying what are the needs of Jordan and what are the things that Malaysia can (import) from

Dr. Mahathir said he did not discuss the issue of the short presence in Jordan two the outlawed Al Argam sect of Malaysia, Mohammad Ashaari.

Mr. Ashaari happened to be in Jordan when his group was banned in Malaysia. He flew to Thailand shortly afterwards. He was arrested there and deported to Malaysia where he remains in

"We don't think we should take this up with the Jordanian government," Dr. Mahathir said. "This is an open country, they come here, they study here and they are free to leave the country. It so happened that they came here. .. The Al Arqam group, Dr. Mahathir said, "is a group of people who venerate their leader to the extent that this man, Ashaari, has something of a prophet and his followers place him at par with the

"He is supposed to have the attributes of God and that is against the teachings of Islam," the prime minister said. "His followers are quite firm in their belief in his ability, for example, to meet and talk with the Prophet.

"It is quiet difficult to accept this; it is about time we stopped this kind of silly teachings because the government has a duty to see that the teachings of Islam are propagated," he said.

Dr. Mahathir rejected reports that his government ad cracked down on the Al Arqam group for political reasons. "What we are doing is not because we are afraid of (Mr. Ashaari) as a politician or he is about to topple the government. That he can do, if he wants, through contesting the elections.

Guerrilla 'mini-army' wins Isrzeli respect

By Andrew Tarnowski Reuter

TYRE, Lebanon — The last Arab-Israeli frontline is Prophet and also with God." almost forgotten these days as Israel and the Arabs talk peace, but the fighting still rumbles on in South Lebanon - and Israeli troops are not having it all their own way.

Shiite Muslim, guerrillas have developed into a grudgingly admired foe for the Israelis after tightening their security, acquiring missiles and honing their tactics, according to experienced observers in the

Israeli troops no longer dismiss the Islamic resistance led by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (the Party of God) as "terrorists" and speak of them with new respect as a "mini-army".

Independent sources believe there are 300-400 hardcore professional fighters who can call on Hizbollah to boost their forces up to 3,000 men in a few hours.

But guerrilla field commanders may be operationally independent of Hizbollah's Beirut bosses, the sources say.

This may spell trouble for any Israeli-Lebanese peace deal because no one knows how the commanders might

By Rich Mkhondo

Reuter

Buthelezi burst into a stu-

dio and scuffled with a Zulu

prince on live television.

the cameras zoomed in on a

man fighting for survival as

champion of South Africa's

Mr. Buthelezi is now in

dispute with eminent Zulus,

adding to his simmering dif-

ferences with the African

National Congress (ANC).

which leads the government

formed after the country's

"This could be devastat-

ing for the fragile peace we

have had since the demo-

cratic government was in-

Mr. Buthelezi, who is

home affairs minister in the

new government and head

of the Inkatha Freedom

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react to orders from Beirut to stop their attacks. The Islamic resistance

has a life of its own, definitely," a source said. "One gets the impression that these guys might do their own thinking about what matters."

Equipped with wireguided sagger anti-tank missiles, small groups of fighters regularly infiltrate behind the lines in Israel's 13-km wide border buffer zone and wait in ambush for days to hit patrols with long-range missile attacks. The Israelis find it hard

to hit back when they come under missile, machinegun and mortar fire from hilly ridges two-to-three km away, sources say. Guerrilla support units

pound nearby Israeli strong points with mortars to stop them sending reinforcements as the attackers slip "It seems like they have

got the range pre-fixed on all the Israeli positions," an observer said. "They can hit them any time they want with mortars."

Guerrillas sometimes send vídeo films to Beirut television showing saggers homing in on Israeli vehicles and exploding as troops scatter with mortar bombs bursting around them.

"They've been running

Buthelezi fighting for political survival

circles round the Israelis in the eastern sector especially," said an observe. "They are always getting behind them.

"It does make Israeli life very difficult. They are having problems coping with this sort of attack." This year the guerrillas bave killed 14 Israeli sol-

diers, including nine in sagger attacks, and wounded dozens. Other figures better reflect the intensity of the

war. In August the two sides fired more than 3,000 artillery shells. Israeli planes have hit the guerrillas 28 times this year. Doubts and desertions

are also weakening the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia which helps Israel's 1,000 troops control the buffer zone, a source said.

"The SLA have stopped patrolling. They just man checkpoints because they think peace is round the

Israeli soldiers admit the guerrillas are getting tougher.
"They are not the same

terrorists as before. They are determined and resourceful," a soldier of the Givati Infantry Brigade told Ron Ben-Yishai, a commentator for Israel's leading newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth.

Mr. Ben-Yishai also quoted the commander of an Israeli position saying: "Hizbollah today is a miniarmy... they are no longer suicide attackers.

"They attack from long range and avoid close enground they fight like snakes... That's why their casualties are low." Beirut politicians are

confident Hizbollah will stop fighting once Israel pledges to leave the south Hizbollah has already moved into conventional politics with the election of eight deputies to the Beirut parliament in 1992.

But U.S. and Israeli officials distrust the guerrillas and doubt the Lebanese army can meet Israeli demands to establish security and prevent cross-border guerrilla attacks.

The source says the resistance appeared to become autonomous from Hizbollah's political wing in 1992 after Hizbollah's chief Abbas Mussawi died in an Israeli helicopter attack...

"It was mainly for security reasons because after the Mussawi killing Hizbollah had big fears that they had been penetrated very badly by the Israelis."

Jaffna Catholics pray for peace ahead of Pope visit

munity, a small minority in this war-ravaged northern town, is storming heaven with prayers for an end to ethnic bloodletting ahead of a proposed papal visit to Sri Lanka early next year.

The Bishop of Jaffna, Thomas Saundaranayagam, said Catholics were keen to travel to Colombo, 400 kilometres south of this city, to greet Pope John Paul II during his overnight visit in January. But be added that peace should come to the region first.

A Catholic teacher here said local nuns had told church leaders they wanted to see the Pope during his January 21-22 stopover on his way back from the Philippines, where he will be attending a global youth conference.

"We too would certainly like to see the Pope. But we don't know whether we will be able to make it," said the teacher. Travel between this northern peninsula and the rest of the country is risky because of fighting between Tamil separatists and government troops.

One of the casualties of the conflict has been the 132-year-old St. James Church here. It was bombed and destroyed by the air force after Tamil Tiger guerrillas attacked a military facility in the province last November.

Nine Catholics, including two church workers, were killed, and another 30 who took refuge in the compound were wounded. A. statue of Jesus survived intact, but the building is in ruins.

Nevertheless the church is considered a safe haven for local residents during major clashes between Tamils and the military. The church has denied allegations that it supports the Tigers.

Bishop Saundranayagam welcomed peace initiatives from new Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga to end the conflict but said he feared hardliners on both sides of Sri Lanka's ethnic divide would try to scuttle her efforts, despite a desperate longing for peace among the civilian popula-

The fighting between the separatist Liberation Tigers

the Sri Lankan security forces, comprised of Sinhalese Buddhists, has forced the closure of 12 parishes here.

"Many of our panshioners are now living in refugee camps. About 80,000 (or half the Catholic population here) have left the area and settled elsewhere." the bishop told a group of jour-

to travel to Colombo for the Pope's visit safe passage through an army camp at the southern entrance to this region, but Tiger guerrillas have not done the

The Tigers, who run a parallel civil administration and maintain a system of immigration, argue that allowing civilians to travel

guarantee safe passage for the papal visit and for overall free travel between the Tamil heartland and the

Some 30,000 people have launched a separatist cam-

paign in 1972.
"We have to be realistic.

to trust in God," he said. Apart from providing spiritual guidance, the church is also involved in running refugee camps and maintaining health clinics for people who have limited

Catholics, as well as the majority Hindus here, want the latest peace bid to bring results. But few residents are optimistic given the failure of political and military

real yearning for peace," the bishop said. "For some people it is the

Asrael hails Tunisia accord

(Continued from page 1) tion to the previous day's announcement in New York by the Israeli U.N. mission. Tunisian officials refused to comment or to confirm reports of a series of secret

meetings between repre-

sentatives of the two countries in Tunis and European Aiso Saturday, Mr. Peres met separately with Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben Jassem Ben Jabr Al Thani and thanked him for his leadership role in the cision by the six-member

the economic boycott of the Jewish state. "This is a positive step in the right direction," Mr.

ulf Cooperation Council on

Peres said after the meeting. Morocco and Israel announced on Sept. 1 they would open liaison offices. the most direct ties established between the Jewish state and an Arab country since Egypt made peace in

leader Yasser Arafat before he moved to the Gaza Strip to take charge of Palestinian

self-rule.

Foreign firms shunned Israel from its foundation, fearing being put on an Arab League "blacklist" and banned from doing business in

The director-general of fisrael's manufacturers' asso-Yoran Blizovsky,

open factories in Israel. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said the move was "an important stage in an irreversible process which will boost our exports and our economic relations with neighbouring countries."

ter Farouk Al Sharaa has

Tunisia was home for more than a decade to Palestinian

Israel's air force bombed PLO headquarters in Tunis in 1985. In a raid in Tunis three years later, Israeli commandos assassinated Khalil Al Wazir, a top leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

League rejects GCC decision

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the Arab World.

nonal groups would now

Syria's Foreign Minis-

criticised the decision and said in New York that it "was not timely and does not serve the Arab negotiators' in-Mr. Sharaa said the

first democratic election in boycott was not raised at a April. league foreign ministers "Chief Buthelezi is fightmeeting held in New York. ing for his political surviv-Libya's government issued a statement condemning the al," said Wim Booyse, a Gulf countries softening of political analyst for the Northern Transvaal Chamthe boycott.

The Libvan news agency JANA quoted the statement Sunday as saying the full boycott of Israel should continue "as long as the Zionist enemy exists and its aggression continues with its occupation of Palestine and the Arab territories of the Golan and South Lebanon."

party, said he went to the Durban studios of state-run South African Broadcasting Corporation during the JOHANNESBURG prime-time agenda prog-When Chief Mangosuthu ramme on Sunday to re-

monstrate with Prince Sifiso

The prince had angered Mr. Buthelezi by saying he was no longer a principal adviser to Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini. A gun was seized during the studio fracas and Mr. Buthelezi has accused the prince of trying

to shoot him. The debacle showed the power struggle within the Zulu royal house was deepening and Mr. Buthelezi was growing isolated as the king drifted towards President Nelson Mandela's ANC.

about his power-base which the ANC had begun to erode," said University of Western Cape lecturer Sipho Maseko. There is a growing rift within the Zulu nation. The

other problem is that King

Goodwill looks very fra-

"Buthelezi is concerned

Mr. Maseko said the king was easily influenced by self-appointed groups of advisers, of which Prince

Mr. Buthelezi, as traditional premier of the Zulus, has for years influenced the monarch. He led Inkatha in a

bloody confrontation with the ANC in the dying years of apartheid rule in which thousands of people were killed in the Zulu heartland. He threatened to boycotted the historic April election, a prospect which

raised fears of full-scale civil war in South Africa, until international mediators persuaded him at the eleventh hour to take part. He was handed the home affairs portfolio as a gesture of national unity. The dispute within the nine million-strong Zulu

nation boiled over when Mr. Buthelezi refused to obey the king's orders to cancel Shaka Day rallies commemorating the death of its founder.

Mr. Zwelithini cancelled

the celebrations saying he

feared for his life after In-katha supporters stormed the royal residence in Nongoma during a visit by Mr. Mandela recently. It was unclear whether the debacle would effect

Mr. Buthelezi's cabinet position, aithough the ANC said he was unfit to hold it. The South African Communist Party, the ANC's election allies, said the incident gave "a frightening insight into the extraordinary intolerant, anti-democratic and high-handed attitude of

Callers to a local radio station were equally divided on whether he should resign or remain a minister. His position is not chal-

the minister."

lenged within Inkatha, which demanded the arrest of Prince Zulu. Mr. Maseko said instead of fomenting fresh unrest and political intolerance, Mr. Buthelezi should be

acting as a peacemaker. "Buthelezi is extremely intolerant. He is not willing to take any criticism. Coupled with the intolerance is fear of losing his power-base," he said.

Agence France Presse

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka — The local Roman Catholic com-

nalists last week.

The government has offered Catholics who wish same.

through the army facilities could help the military prepare to use the same route to march into Jaffna. The bishop wants a compromise. He says another route must be found to

rest of the island. Resolving the conflict will be "very difficult," he said. died since the guernillas

They (the LTTE) will initially be dogmatic. They have a price on their heads... But that will change. The rest of us have

access to hospitals and doctors in this strife-torn re-

efforts so far to resolve the conflict. "On this side, there is a

last straw. We give them

Senior World Bank official says Mideast peace dividend is better economic policy

MADRID (R) — The real peace in the Middle East will be better economic policies and closer regional cooperation, a senior World Bank

official said Sunday.
"The focus in the Middle East is switching from politics to economics. Better economic policies are going to be the real peace dividend," the bank's vice-president for the Middle East and Africa, Caio Koch-Weser, told a news conference.

The challenge facing the region is to stimulate the flow of private investment," he

Mr. Koch-Weser, who was attending the bank's annual meeting here, said that aid groups were still facing problems channelling agreed funds to the autonomous Palestinian areas of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank Jericho area but that these were gradually being over-

He said the difficulties

being asked to switch funding from longer-term infrastructure projects and other traditional targets to day-to-day expenditure such as financing police force.

Some donors have political and even legal problems with that," he said. "It is not a question of lack of will."

A U.S.-coordinated aid effort pledged \$2.4 billion to the Palestine autonomous regions over five years. The regions were set up earlier this year and have been followed by more steps towards establishing ties between Israel and Arab countries.

Mr. Koch-Weser said the benefits of moves towards peace would allow countries in the Middle East to devote more attention to getting economic policy right.

"Politicians are going to be increasingly judge on their ability to provide economic growth," he said.

Mr. Koch-Weser said that the World Bank stood ready stemmed from some donors to help Syria in its efforts to

build a more marketorientated economy but that the question of fresh financing was complicated by the country's debt arrears.

He said that the bank was discussing a new loan for Algeria, possibly amounting to between \$100 million and \$200 million, linked to a programme of economic and social reform.

Despite what he called political "volatility," he said the World Bank was confident that the government of President Liamine Zeroual was committed to reforming its state-dominated economy. We are working on an ambitious programme of

Mr. Koch-Weser said. Fresh lending to Iran remained frozen because of opposition of the bank's "shareholders," amongst them and United States, but the institution was continuing to disburse \$850 million of

structural reform (there),

financing agreed previously,

under wav. Both rich and poor states can muster the 15 per cent of IMF votes needed for an

Committee G-7 and IMF officials say that a stalemate in the Interim Committee may mean a

German Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer, a key on the grounds it risks stoking world inflation, said

G-7 urges poor states to take smaller IMF cash deal

Theo Waigel told the Interim Committee Sunday: "I see no

"It's the only show in town," said British Chancel-

lor of the Exchequer Ken-

Edmond Alphandery, who has fought a lonely battle backing Mr. Camdessus's

plan, appeared keen to get

the message over to the de-veloping world that the com-

promise was a fair package—and the best they would get.

"It's not that bad," he said.

Mr. Alphandery was at

pains to stress that France had persuaded the G-7 to

amend IMF rules to make it

clear the SDR issue' would

not be a one-off-kiss of death

for the 1960s idea that the

unit, whose value is based on

a basket of major currencies,

would be issued regularly to

all IMF members to bolster

But German officials took

different line, saying the

ated bids to create new

Bank of France governor, proposed issuing 36 billion

SDRs, worth about \$50 bil-

general share-out based on

countries' IMF shares or

quotas in the fund, followed

by a special issue requiring an

amendment of the IMF rules.

This would go to the 37

poorest countries and east

European states who missed

out on the last issue in 1981.

The G-7 plan is for a com-

plex special allocation that

gives every country a choice

between raising their SDR reserves by eight per cent of

their quota or taking them up

to a ceiling of 24 per cent.

Needy nations should get

rather more than half the

issue. But not until 179 mem-

bers' parliaments have rati-

Mr. Alphandery said the

G-7 was committed to seeing

those ratifications completed

by the end of next year. But

that may not be quick enough for the developing countries.

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Mr. Camdessus, a former

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MADRID (R) - Needy nations considered a take-it-orleave-it offer Sunday to billion package of reserve assets made by the IMF's Group of Seven (G-7)

The G-7 has made it clear the developing world should take what it can get after finance ministers met Saturday to thrash out a compromise deal on a new issue of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) reserve money.

But ahead of Sunday's policy-setting IMF Interim Committee in Madrid, Third World leaders have been threatening to block anything that falls far short of the \$50 billion scheme proposed by the fund's managing director Michel Camdessus.

The European Union's Economics Commissioner Henning Christophersen said opposition by developing countries meant it would be difficult to reach a comprom-

"The lunch promises to be pretty tense," G-7 official said of the event that will get discussions on the SDRs

effective veto in the Interim

new meeting on the issue next month.

opponent of an SDR issue Saturday the G-7 compromise was the furthest he would

Bonn's Finance Minister

Japan hails trade accord with U.S. but regrets moves toward sanctions

leaders Sunday welcomed the trade agreement reached with the United States in three important areas but regretted U.S. moves toward sanctions over the unresolved issue of automobiles.

"It will have a good effect on overall Japan-U.S. relations," Japan's chief cabinet secretary, Kozo Igarashi, said in a statement, referring to accores on government procurement, the insurance business and flat glass in talks aimed at cutting Japan's huge trade surplus with the United

However, Prime Minister Fomiichi Murayama and auto industry leaders regretted U.S. moves toward sanctions over failure in talks in Washington to reach agreeemnt on opening Japan's market to more American automobiles and auto parts.

most important aspect of the "It's very regrettable the G-7 deal was that there 301 clause was invoked in the process of talks," he told reporters, referring to U.S. would be no danger of repe-Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, who said his office would "initiate a 301 investigation" of the Japanese car parts market. He wanted an immediate

Mr. Kantor made the remarks in Washington following his unsuccessful talks with Japan's International Trade and Industry Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on the auto issues.

Mr. Hahsimoto and Foreign Minister Yohei Kono briefed Mr. Murayama on their marathon talks with Mr. Kantor after returning home from Washington Sunday. officials said.

Mr. Murayama was quoted as telling the two ministers that he was satisfied with the! partial agreements with the United States. The prime minister noted that Tokyo managed to prevent an allout confrontation with Washington over trade.

Tokyo market dealers, meanwhile, said that the outcome of the trade talks in Washington had been expected and that it would have no major impact on the mar-



U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor bolds a bundle of cabling used by the U.S. telecommunications industry during a press conference in Washington following a marathon 19 hours of trade talks with the Japanese delegation. The United States and Japan earlier reached an accord on Japanese government procurement of medical and telecommunications equipment (AFP photo)

Mr. Igarashi, the chief government spokesman, said "it is extremely regrettable" that the United States has decided to "identify under section 301 of the trade act of 1974 Japan's auto parts aftermarket as characterised by 'un-. fair and discriminatory trade practices.

"There has been a wide

increase in transactions in the auto parts sector," Mr. Igarashi said in the statement. "The government of Japan

has taken a sincere and vigorous approach in the framework talks with such steps as seriously considering deregulation premised on an assurance of the safety of replacement parts as well,"

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day to get the week off to a good start where you will be wide awake to new and advanced ways to move forward in both your business and personal life. Be alert of mindful of delays.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get into activities which can put you in the public eye and will give you a chance to get ahead in you career and make you successful

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Before getting into that new course of action, be sure to consult one who has much experience along such lines of endeavour. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Use those systems which have worked

successfully in the past in dealing with persons in business and you will gain much profit. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Showing your partners

that you operate very sensibly is wise and you gain their added cooperation for a new project. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Make sure you understand your

respect of higher-ups and fellow associates. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Take care you do not overspend where recreation is concerned and try to cut down on such in the future or you could have nothing.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Make sure that all home matters are solidly based and rid yourself of whatever is obsolute or unworkable to complete a project.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Begin the week properly by answering any letters which are important and putting in motion any new enterprises which you helped developed. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Look into the

monetary side of any situation today and everything turns out all right for you in getting what you want in life. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Get that new course of activity started which will last for some time. Tonight, be sure to rest up for the week ahead and enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Plan and handle practical affairs wisely and stop all that daydreaming and socialising which gets you nowhere towards your success.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You have find capabilities for getting projects down to a workable level and also handling details precisely. Utilise this talent.

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THE Daily Crossword by AI Becker

Iran checks foreign currency spending to halt riyal's slide

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iran announced Sunday new measures to reduce foreign currency spending in a bid to check the slide of the rival, which has registered a new fall against the U.S. dollar in recent days.

From Monday the interior ministry is to clamp down on private, open-air moneychangers, who have operated in their thousands until now as authorities turned a blind

The move will leave

HANOI (R) — Vietnam has

started curbing the use of the U.S. dollar, which has served

for years as a parallel curren-

cy to the national unit, the

dong.
First indications were that

the new foreign exchange

rules, requiring the dong to

be used for nearly all transac-

Most hotels were still bill-

ing customers in dollars.

charges guets in dong, chang-

ing their dollars in front-desk

Some shops which pre-

viously charged in dollars be-

came "exchange agents" for

the banks, continuing to take

dollars and changing them on the spot into dong. They will

then deposit the dollars in the

doors," said a hotel em-

ployee. "You go in one door

"It's like a house with two

exchange kiosks.

bank.

tions, had little impact.

around 100 private foreign exchange offices on the free market who are authorised to work alongside state-owned banks.

Private money-lenders had become practically the sole source of foreign currency for Iran's importers, as bank stocks have been severely depleted for more than a yeaar by the country's financial cri-

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them into dong. For the guest, it doesn't make any

Prime Minister Vo Van

Kiet ordered the changes last

August to suck at least \$600

million in dollar notes circu-

lating in this communist

country of 72 million people

Hotels, restaurants, land-

lords, some shops and Viet-

companies — now required

to deposit their hard currency

earnigns in bank accounts —

were among the businesses

most likely to be affected.

cerned about the impact of

the regulations on foreign in-

vestment confidence, said it

would be several weeks be-

and other commercial banks

set up about 400 exchange

The Bank of Foreign Trade

fore the effect was clear.

But foreign analysts, con-

into the banking system.

difference.

quarters in June, in a drive by authorities to reduce demand for foreign currency and control exchange rates on the free market. The trade ministry also

announced an end to the practice of export companies giving up their rights to foreign currency to importers.

Since the beginnig of the year import licences have been restricted to the value of foreign currency brought into Iran through exports.

kiosks to make changing

money easier for tourists and

Private dealers, long toler-

ated by the authorities, con-

tinued to change dollars for

old customers but predicted

the new system would not be

They said the domestic

price of gold would rise be-

cause Vietnamese would turn

to it as the main "safe havenb" savings medium in-

stead of dollars under the

"For private businesses,

there will be fewer clients and

the transactions must be

shielded, so income will go

more problems because all

transactions and payments

must go through the state....

tax evasion and avoidance

will be more difficult," the

"State enterprises will face

others requiring dong.

good for business.

floorboards.

down," one said.

Vietnam starts curbs on dollar use

trader said. Most companies with access to dollars used to trade and make payments in cash rather than through the

Airlines, telecommunications, insurance, shipping and other firms in industries with extensive overseas contacts and payments may continue legally to charge in dol-

It appeared likely that some big hotels would be granted exemption from the rules to do likewise.

The (central) State Bank has said it does not expect big fluctuations in the exchange rate, though foreign bankers believe increased demand will strengthen the dong.

The dollar continued to trade in its normal recent range of 10,900 to 11,005 dong to \$1 on Sunday.

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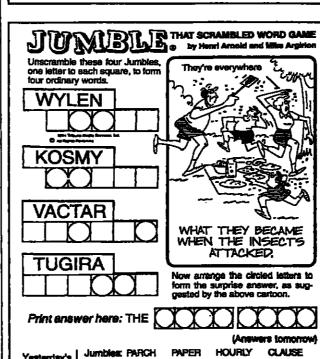
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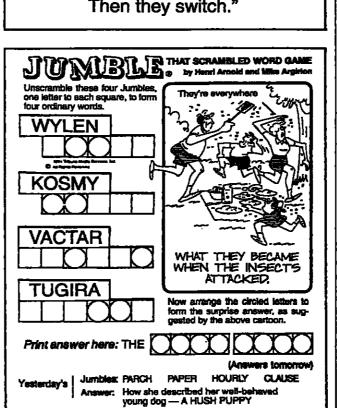
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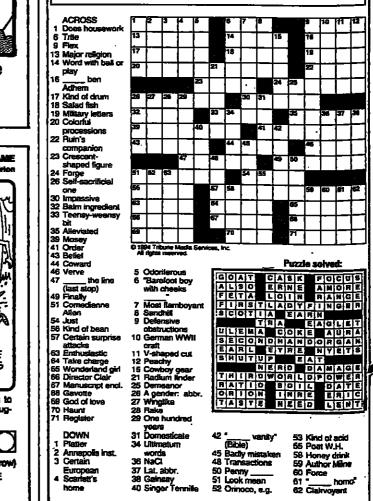
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AMMAN — The dollar appreciated sharply against the yen at the end of last week, as it ended 1.34 per cent higher against the Japanese currency. The dollar stabilised against the mark and

Japanese currency. The dollar stabilised against the mark and depreciated marginally against sterling.

The dollar appreciated in New York Monday influenced by rumours that the United States and Japan will reach a trade agreement before the end of September, the deadline set by the United States for possible economic sanctions against Japan if it did not open its markets to American products. Dealers were cautiously trading ahead of the Federal Open Committee's meeting the next day, as analysts were uncertain whether the committee's meeting

day, as analysts were uncertain whether the committee's meeting will result in an increase in the U.S. interest rates.

The dollar depreciated against other major currencies Tuesday, as the Federal Reserve refrained from tightening its monetary policy. Although such a move was widely anticipated by the market, analysts feared that it might reflect a possible lit-up in the Fed's inflation fighting policy. Analysts indicated that the Federal Open Market Committee's decision did not rule out the possibility of a rate increase on its next meeting on Tuesday 15/11/1994.

The dollar appreciated against other major currencies Wedner

The dollar appreciated against other major currencies Wednesday, however. It appreciated against the mark, as the German unit depreciated against other European currencies. The mark's deprecation was due to news that Germany's Free Democratic Party, the coalition partner of the ruling Christian Democratic Union, failed to gain sufficent electoral votes in Bavaria earlier this week. This has prompted questions regarding the ruling coalition's prospects in Germany's election due to be held on the 16th of October.

Moreover, the dollar appreciated against the yen due to traders' optimism towards the U.S.-Japan trade negotiations, as reports

showed the two countries may possibly reach a partial agreement. Such an agreement would weaken the case for economic sanctions against Japan.

The dollar depreciated on Thursday, as traders were cautious

ahead of the end-September deadline that the United States had set to impose trade sanctions against Japan. By the end of the week, the dollar appreciated against the mark and the yen, while depreciating marginally against sterling. The dollar's appreciation was due to traders' expectations that the trade

negotiations between Japan and the United States will lead to partial agreement. Traders' expectations were influenced by news that the two parties were close to an agreement regarding government procure-ment of communication and medical equipment. Analysts antici-pated that a partial agreement will not benefit the dollar and will not

negate possible limited sanctions against Japan.
The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5501 marks, 99.16 yen and at \$1.5800 to the pound sterling.

| | 23/9/94 | 30/9/94 | Percent | |
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| Currency | Close | Clove | Change | |
| Sterling Pound | 1.5770 | 1.5800 | 0.19 % | |
| Deutsche Mark | 1.5488 | 1.5501 | (0.08)% | |
| Swiss Franc | 1.2865 | 1.2859 | 0.05 % | |
| French Franc | 5.0935 | 5.2925 | 0.02 \$ | |
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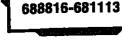
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Jordan, Malaysia to set up joint business council

By Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An agreement to establish a joint business council between the Jordanian Businessmen Association and the Malaysian Chambers of Commerce and Industry was signed Sunday at the end of an official state visit by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Bin Muhammad.

The agreement aims to boost and enhance economic and trade cooperation be-

tween Jordan and Malaysia. "Although we have established some trade links, a lot more can be done to enhance the development of the business activities between our two countries," Dr. Mahathir said in a speech on the occa-

He added that the volume of trade between Jordan and Malaysia has increased from \$65 million in 1989 to \$102 million in 1993. However. bilateral trade is still small. accounting for less than one per cent of Malaysia's external trade.

He indicated that trade between Jordan and Malaysia was confined to a narrow range of products comprising mainly palm oil and palm oil products from Malaysia and fertilizers from Jordan. This narrow trade, he said, could be attributed to, among other things, the lack of direct contacts between the Malaysian and Jordanian businessmen, as well as the limited information on products and market opportunities.

According to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) international trade report of 1993 Malaysia is now the 19th largest trading nation in the world.

Dr. Mahathir invited Jordanian businessmen to visit Malaysia and see for themselves the vast trade opportunities available for Jordanian exports.

"Jordanian companies could set up their regional offices in Malaysia and use Malaysia as their base to launch their products in the South Asian market... at the same time, Malaysia could offer a wide range of manufactured and intermediate products required by Jordan," he explained.

Malaysia has a broad manufacturing base amounting to \$34 billion representing 73% of its total volume of

exports. The agreement for the joint business council was signed by president of the Jordanian Businessmen Association (JBA) Hamdi Taba' on the Jordanian side, and by head of the Malaysian chambers of commerce and industry Azmi Hamzah.

A second agreement was signed between the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company and Malaysian Stron Medical Company during a working lunch on Sunday hosted by JBA.

The agreement would

facilitate medical exports and cooperation between the two countries.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed be-tween the Jordanian association for exports of fresh fruits and vegetables and the Malaysian federal authority for the purpose of marketing of agricultural products in Jordanian and Malaysian

Nigeria hikes fuel prices

LAGOS (AFP) - The Nigerian military junta Sunday took people in this oil-rich west African nation by surprices by hiking official fuel prices by nearly 400 per cent, witnesses said, but police closed garages in Abuja after they posted the new prices.

Police arrested garage

owners who stuck up posters detailing the new prices, raised at midnight Saturday, and closed the petrol stations, an AFP correspondent in the federal capital Abuja said. Only garages selling oil at the old prices were allowed

to remain open.

However in other less
politically-sensitive states such as Oyo, Osun and Ogun - the new prices were post-

ed.
People have been expecting a jump in traditional low oil prices since the beginning of the political crisis

Asian Games launched as Hiroshima pleads for peace

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)

— The city reduced to rubble by an atomic bomb nearly 50 years ago launched one of Asia's largest-ever sporting events Sunday with a powerful plea for world peace.

Japanese Emperor Akihito declared the 12th Asian Games open at 2:39 p.m. (0539 GMT) after a procession of participants into Hiroshima's new 50,000-seat

Nearly 5,000 athletes from 42 nations and territories will be competing over the next two weeks for a total of 337 gold medals in 34 sports. China, overwhelming victor at the last Asiad, is certain to reap the largest medal har-

The opening festivities began with an upbeat concert by young singers from four · Asian nations and ended with a spectacle of light and dance depicting mankind moving from despair toward hope and peace.

Figures wearing dark man-tles, suffering from repeated 'ordeals, were supplanted by young women in bright attire on a field splashed with glitter and light. A joyous, mass dance ended the 4½-hour

In one of the opening speeches, Hironoshin Furuhashi, president of the organising committee, said he hoped the games' theme of Asian harmony would help create "an attractive and dynamic Asia for the 21st century" and that Hiroshima's "message for the pursuit of peace will be heard throughout Asia and all the

Both the emblem and mascots of the games are variations on the dove of peace, while the torch for lighting the games' flame was started from both the flame of the 1990 games in Beijing and from the "Flame of Peace" in a Hiroshima park dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Helicopters fluttered overhead and security on the ground was tight. Radical leftists, who oppose Japan's monarchy, had threatened to disrupt the opening cere-mony, and Saturday dozens of radicals demonstrated against the emperor's visit to Europe, due to begin after Sunday's ceremonies.

The emperor's late father, Hirohito, was the symbolic leader of Japan during World War II and announced the nation's surrender days after the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japanese cities in August

The first all but obliterated Hiroshima, leaving some 140,000 dead. But the city has since been rebuilt into one of Japan's loveliest, and views the games as proof of its rebirth.

The Hiroshima Games are the biggest in the Asiad's male marched in front of the 43-year history. North Iranians with the placard. Korea, under international pressure for allegedly trying to develop nuclear weapons, is the only eligible country not at the Hiroshima Games. team.

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The roster of nations is also joined for the first time by five former Soviet republics in Central Asia, while wartorn Cambodia is returning

after a 20-year absence. The only significant political shadow hanging over the games is a China-Taiwan controversy over the presence here of Taiwan Vice Premier Hsu Li-Teh.

After earlier threatening to boycott the games if Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui came, China still protested strongly over Hsu's visit. China claims he is at the games for political maneuvering against Beijing and should have been denied entry by Japan, which has diplomatic relations with China but not with Taiwan.

Taiwan says Hsu is here to learn for Taiwan's bid to become the games host in 2002, and that Beijing is the one injecting politics into sports. Beijing does not object to the presence of Taiwan's team. which uses the name "Chinese Taipei" rather than

With a number of world record holders in swimming and track and field and strong competitors in a dozen other sports. China is again expected to dominate Asia's version of the Olympics.

In the 1990 games, China won 183 gold medals, fol-lowed by South Korea with 54 and Japan with 38.

China has sent 570 athletes to Hiroshima, about the same number as South Korea but fewer than the host team's 680 athletes.

The ceremony, seen by 44,000 spectators in warm autumn weather, opened with a peace concert by pop singers Ryu Fan and Wei Wei of China. Goongnang of Thailand and Yukihide Takekawa of Japan. The Philippine group Smokey Mountain belted out the song "We Can Change the World" while a brass band played Beeth-oven's "Ode to Joy."

This was followed by a colourful depiction of winds and bridges linking the peo-ple of Asia, and by 676 children cavorting with Poppo and Cuccu, the games mas-

Another spectacle portrayed storms, serenity and contrasting seasonal moods of the Seto inland sea, which borders Hiroshima, and climaxed with a march of Samurai warriors to the throb of 105 drums.

The entry march of the teams featured the flowing robes of the Arab world, kilts of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan and the kimonos of the Japanese women who carried the country name placards of all but the Iranian

Apparently in keeping with the wishes of the fundamentalist Muslim nation, a male marched in front of the

Some of the warmest applause went to Cambodia, China, Taiwan, host Japan and the one-man Palestinian



Japan's steeplechaser Yasunori and women's basketball player Aki Ichijo (seen in photo above) light the Asian Games flame Sunday during the opening ceremony held in Hiroshima. Photo on right shows the Jordanian delegation during the flag raising ceremony at the Athletes' Village Saturday. Below, Palestine flag-bearer Mohammad Al Bakri leads the one-man Palestinian delegation during the opening ceremony (AFP photos)

Asian Games becoming too big, Japan warns

HIROSHIMA (R) — Japan's top sports administrator, although elated at the successful opening of the Asian Games here Sunday, warned the event was becoming too

'It's time for us to limit the total number of participants and events at the Asiad to ease the economic burden on the shoulders of hosting cities," Hironoshin Furuhashi, president of the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), said after the opening ceremony of the

The appeal may not meet with much support from prospective host cities or those who have staged them before because most of them have either added or are in the process of trying to add homegrown disciplines to the

Both China's Wushu and that have gained admission in the games despite their limited appeal and obscurity before the event was staged in Beijing and New Delhi.

But Furuhashi said he hoped that the Hiroshima Games could be a big turning point in making them more

Since the first games in New Delhi in 1951, the onceevery-four-year event has grown from nearly 500 athletes from 11 countries competing in six sports to the present 7,300 athletes from 43 countries competing in 34

In the last Asian Games in Beijing in 1990 there were 6,122 athletes from 37 countries competing in 27 sports.

"If the games keep growing at the recent pace, it will soon become too difficult to host them," warned Furuhashi, who also heads the Hiroshima Asian Games Organising Committee (HĀGOC).

"Considering the fact that Hiroshima is a city with a population of some one million, its organisers have done an excellent job to stage the multi-sports competition." Furuhashi said. It is estimated about \$1.5

billion was spent on building a new airport and stadium. Forty-three sports facilities also were built or remodelled in and around Hiroshima to Japan with its economic might felt the pinch, Furuhashi said.

The organisers had trouble raising funds for the games, said Furuhashi, who is also a vice president of the Olympic Committee of Asia (OCA). the governing body for sport in the continent.

Furuhashi said he will present his views on the issue at the two-day general assembly of the OCA, starting Wednesday.





Parma shoot to top spot in Italy

ROME (AFP) — Italian side Parma grabbed top spot in the Italian championship Sunday with a 2-0 win over

The former European Cup Winners Cup champions thanked Zola, in the 58th minute, and Branca's 82nd minute penalty to keep them just ahead of AS Rome on goals scored as both have a similar goal difference.

An Abel Balbo strike

against Sampdoria kept AS Roma hot on the heels of Parma. In the only goal of the match, Argentina striker Balbo struck home a 53rd minute goal against the Italian Cup

And third-placed Juventus would have to win by a fourgoal margin at home to Inter Milan in a match which was to be held late Sunday to eclipse the leading two.

European Cup champions AC Milan got back to winning ways after last week's defeat by Cremonese. Marco Simone found the target five won 2-1 at Cremonese with goals from Oberdan Biagioni, Igor Kolyvanov, and Nicolo Sciacca.

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draw at home to Lazio - his sixth goal of the season. Basement club Padua had to fight hard for their first point of the season to lift them above Reggiana, who fell 3-1 at Genoa.

Two goals from Colombian Freddy Rincon and a further from Massimo Agostini put Napoli firmly in the driving seat as Padua, who scored with Damiano Longhi. trailed 3-1 with just six minutes left.

But Filippo Maniero scored two goals in as many minutes for a 3-3 draw to the relief of Padua's joint coaches Mauro Sandriani and Gino Stacchini.

Mid-table sides Bari and Cagliari could only play out a goalless draw, and Foggia won 2-1 at Cremonese with

Swedish referee says he saw bottle hit Salzburg goalkeeper

MILAN (R) — Swedish referee Leif Sundell has confirmed he saw Salzburg goal-keeper Otto Konrad hit on the head by a water bottle during the Austrian chub's champions' league defeat by AC Milan Wednesday.

"Straight after the

(Giovanni) Stroppa goal, two half-litre plastic bottles containing mineral water plus a liqueur bottle rained down onto the pitch," Sundell was quoted as telling La Stampa

newspaper.
"One of the (water) botties, not full almost, hit the goalkeeper Konrad on the head. There was no blood and I'm not a doctor. I took note of the incident," he said. Konrad was struck on the

head by the bottle thrown from the crowd after European champions Milan opened the scoring in the 40th minute. He was substituted after

Milan went 2-0 ahead in the 59th minute — half an hour after he was hit - and spent the night under observation in hospital. UEFA has said the champions' league Group D match, won 3-0 by the Ita-

lians, could be awarded as a forfeit 3-0 win by its disciplinary committee or the match could be replayed. The disciplinary committee will meet Oct. 6 to hear the Austrians' appeal over the

incident. Milan officials are dubious about the extent of Konrad's injuries. Coach Fabio Capello has said UEFA should consider disciplining him for feigning injury.

Konrad rejected sugges-tions that he had been play

"I know what Milan are saying - that if I had been groggy how could I have made those saves from (Ruud) Gullit and (Demetrio) Albertini," he told La "It's simple. At that point I still felt fine. It was after-

wards that I lost it. I asked for the physic and doctor to come on. When the referee refused I went off," he said. "In the dressing rooms my head was spinning and I vo-

Italian media reports said Konrad left Milan's San Car-

lo Hospital in a wheelchair Thursday and was flown. home in an air amubulance. However, tests at the hospital had revealed no serious dam-Should the Salzburg pro-

test be upheld, precedents suggest UEFA would probably order a replay at a neut-

In 1984 UEFA ordered the replay of a Cup Winners' Cup match between Celtic of Scotland and Rapid Vienna, then managed by present Salzburg trainer Otto Baric, after Austrian player Rudi Weinhofer was injured by a coin thrown by Scottish fans. In 1971 Internazionale

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Sheikh rattled by Taiwan debacle rest with the five former

HIROSHIMA (AFP) — Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah of Kuwait should hang onto his job as president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) but the China-Taiwan controversy could strip him of any effective power.
"He has lost a lot of credi-

bility. He could become a puppet," said a senior OCA, member who asked not to be The sheikh's invitation to

Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui which sparked off the row widened the gulf between Middle East countries and the rest of Asia. Fears of a Chinese boycott,

borne out of the rescinded OCA invitation to Lee and the presence of Taiwanese Vice Premier Hsu Li-Teh, have caused weeks of uncertainty for the Hiroshima organisers. The embarrassment for the OCA executive has been enormous.

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Bulgaria, Canada, Germany, South Korea advance at Volleyball World Championship

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The United States late Saturday beat Brazil, the world's top ranked team, in a day marked by surprising upsets at 13th volleyball men's

world championship. The seventh ranking U.S. took the Brazilians to five sets 3-2 (15-12, 15-9, 9-15, 10-15, 15-12) to place at the top of Group B. They were followed by Brazil, Germany and Argentina, which was

"It was a gutsy effort and a hard fought game. I'm hap-py. I think it's a great win for our team and gives us more confidence and momentum into the next round. But there is alot of play left," said U.S. coach Frederick Sturm. -Cuba also defeated . Holland 3-0 (15-12, 15-13, 16-14) in the last world chamto lead Group D. It was followed by Holland, South Korea and Sweden.

Earlier Japan defeated defending champion Italy and Greece defeated Russia in the other two upsets.

The International Volleyball Federation said that Japan's 15-4, 17-15, 9-15, 14-· 16. 17-15 Group C victory advanced it to the next round and eliminated China.

After the preliminary round, Italy led Group C followed by Bulgaria, Japan and China.

In the day's other upset, 13th-ranked Greece defeated sixth-ranked Russia 8-15, 15-13, 4-15, 15-12, 15-13 in Group A. The Soviet Union finished with a bronze medal

59 of 230 jabs and 95 of 274

power punches.
"He was the better man,"

said McGirt, a 30-year-old New Yorker. "He did what

McGirt lost the 147-pound title to Whitaker in March

last year when he fought with

a left shoulder injury.
"I just took the left book

away from him. I'm not going

to give him any excuses this

time," Whitaker said. "I'm

sure he was in better shape

Against six spades West elected

to lead the top of the heart sequence

rather than the long suit. Declarer won, crossed to the queen of spades to ruff a club, then returned to the

the last of the enemy's fangs, to ruff

Next, declarer cashed the ace of

diamonds to complete the ground-

by playing off the remaining high

heart and then exiting with a heart. Declarer did not mind which de-

fender took the trick. If the player who wins the heart started with two

or three diamonds, there never was a problem. If that defender began

with a singleton diamond, declarer would receive a ruff-and-sluff.

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pionship, held in Brazil in

1990. Greece had the advantage of a packed stadium of 16,000, the largest crowd so far at the championship. Greece finished the preliminary round atop Group A followed by Russia, Canada and

From now on our team will be very dangerous because we are no longer nervous," Greece's Cuban coach Gilberto Herrera said.

The four group winners all advance to the quarterfinals while the next two in each of the groups advance to a play-off round. Each of the group winners face one of the other group winners following a blind draw for quarterfinal

seeding. Each second-place team faces a third-place team with the winners advancing to the quarterfinals.

Earlier in the day, underdog Canada scored its first victory, blanking Algeria and advancing to the playoff round. Canada defeated the Algerians 15-10, 15-11, 15-4 to

eliminate the North African team from contention. "We were overwhelmed by the fear of defeat, rather than

the desire to win," Canada coach Clement Lemieux said. Group B's Germany also advanced to the playoff round with a 16-14, 4-15, 15-8, 15-6 victory over Argentina. Before and nearly the mid-ranked Argentines

and nearly upset Brazil Thursday before suffering a second defeat against the Un-ited States Friday.

"We are very happy that we won and can play in the elimination round," German captain Rene Hecht said. In Group D, South Korea eliminated Sweden 15-7, 15-7, 6-15, 9-15, 15-7 and Bui-

garia beat China 15-10, 15-11, 15-8 in Group C. Groups A and B played in Athens while C and D played in the Northern city of Salo-

The last world championship was held in Brazil in 1990, with Italy beating Cuba 3-1 in the final. The Soviet Union was third, followed by

Sheikh Mohammad wins Arc de Triomphe at last

Sheikh Mohammad of Dubai clinched one of the few glittering prizes in horse racing to escape him when the fastimproving Carnegie won the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe

Sunday. After 12 previous failures in the race, the sheikh went to war with four runners and the strategy paid off hand-

Winning trainer Andre Fabre, twice successful before, had five runners and ended up with first, third and fifth.

In an exciting finish, Car-negie, ridden by Thierry Jar-net, held on by a short neck from 1993 French Derby winner Hernando, the mount of Cash Asmussen. Apple Tree, ridden by John Reid, was a close third, half a length behind the runner-up.

Jarnet, who won the 1992 Arc on Subotica, was at his brilliant best on Carnegie, conjuring the last reserves out of the winner in a memorable battle to the line.

Carnegie had been strongly fancied in France for the last three weeks since his impressive win over the course and 2.4 km distance in the Prix Niel, an important Arc

He looked to be improving at just the right time and so it proved Sunday, to the delight many in the huge Longchamp crowd.

Jarnet had a choice of mounts and his judgement proved unerring with Carne-gie-lifting the \$750,000 first prize for the sheikh..

The English-trained runners were largely a disappointment, Ezzoud doing best to finish a close-up fourth under Walter Swin-

But Swinburn received a four-day suspension after Ezzoud was judged to have interfered with Apple Tree inside the final furlong. Reid's mount was squeezed for room on the rail.

Ezzoud also did no favours to the prospects of Millkom down at the start when lashing out with his hind legs and kicking Millkom who had been rearing up, upsetting Ezzoud.

Millkom, trained in the Provinces, had won all his

blow from Ezzoud virtually ruined his chances.

Trainer Ian Balding, near to tears, said: "It has been terribly worrying to bring her back from the York disaster. "But this has always been her time of year. She does well in the autumn and looks

back to her best." Owner Jeff Smith said: "She goes to America for

sure. "The French were wonderful today. They let us do what we liked and she did one circuit of the parade ring and walked to the start. All they wanted was Lochsong in the race."

Earlier Sunday, sprint queen Lochsong, whose crown was knocked sideways on her last outing, was restored to her former glory at Lonechamo.

The brilliant mare won Europe's top sprint race, the Prix de l'Abbaye, for the second year in succession, Last year she had six lengths to spare. On Sunday the margin was five lengths but she was just as impress-

WBC welterweight champ Whitaker outfights McGirt punches. McGirt landed just

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NORFOLK, Virginia (AFP) - WBC welterweight champion Pernell Whitaker got up from a second-round knockdown and put on a brilliant display of boxing to beat Buddy McGirt before his home crowd at the Scope

here Saturday night. The judges Chuck Giampa, Rudy Ortega and Steve Weisfeld scored it 117-113, 118-112, 117-110, all for Whi-

Computer analysis showed Whitaker, 30, landed 163 of 460 jabs and 167 of 348 power

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Robinson holds on to WBO title

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CARDIFF, Waies (AP) Steve Robinson stunned Duke McKenzie with a left hook to the ribs in the ninth round to score a knockout and hold on to his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title Saturday and stop his opponent winning a fourth title at different

The short left had McKenzie sinking to the floor 10 seconds from the end of the round just as the challenger looked like getting on top of the fight at Cardiff Ice Rink.

McKenzie, former holder of world titles at featherweight, bantamweight and super-bantamweight, was outpunched in the early stages by the Welshman, making his fourth defence, but appeared to be getting on top at the time of the knock-

The two fighters were slugging it out in the centre of the ring when Robinson (1251/2 pounds, 56.48 kilos) produced a short left that had McKenzie (125 pounds, 56.25 los) sagging to the floor.
The London-born fighter

failed to make the count. "It's no good crying, Robinson is the number one and it's all about winning," said McKenzie, former IBF flyweight and WBO bantam and super-bantam champions during a 41-fight career. Robinson now is 19-9-1

What if the player who wins the heart has all three remaining diamonds? That opponent has different losing options. A low diamond will be won on the table with the and McKenzie is 36-5-0. In a non-title fight on the same card, British fighter eight and an exit with an honor is Richie Wenton was stopped equally futile. Declarer simply lets that run around to fourth hand. Should the other defender follow the suit is breaking. If the other in the fifth round by countryman Neil Swain



Novotna captures eipzig tennis title

LEIPZIG, Germany (R) — Jana Novotna ended a sequence of three consecutive defeats in the Leipzing Women's Grand Prix tennis final by lifting the title on her 26th birthday Sunday.

Second-seeded Novotna of the Czech Republic beat top seed Mary Pierce of France 7-5, 6-1 in 86 minutes, having lost in the final to Steffi Graf in each of the previous three

Greeted on court by a 'happy birthday' chorus, Novotna made a shaky start. She soon trailed 3-0 and was 5-2 down before she pulled her game round.

Pierce, world ranked fifth. opened with powerful ground strokes to the baseline but found herself having trouble once Novotna regained her pace and began to dominate

Eltingh beats Olhovskiy to win Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Jacco Eltingh of the Nether-lands picked up his second ATP title of the year when he defeated Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia 7-6 (7-1) 2-6 6-4 in the final of the \$400,000 Malaysian Open Sunday.

Eltingh, whose first ATP success this year was when he won the OTB International Tennis Open at the end of August in Schenectady, New York, boosted his bank balance by \$54,000 Sunday while Olhovskiy collected \$31,800.

But Olhovskiy recovered from that setback to take the second set 6-2, setting up the decider.

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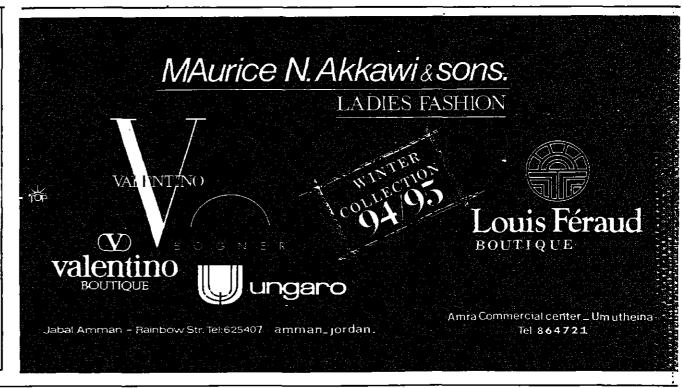
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U.S. forces to target Haiti shadowy gunmen

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Agencies) — U.S. forces in Haiti will turn their attention this week to disarming the shadowy paramilitary units that have dogged their efforts at restoring stability, U.S. offi-cials said Sunday.

U.S. embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said that the weaponry would be rooted out "in an aggressive way," but would give no further details of the operation.

U.S. officials and military officers have grown increasingly concerned that what they deemed to have been a relatively efficient op-eration in Haiti was being overshadowed by graphic media coverage of the vio-

And past links between the paramilitary gunmen and the Haitian police cast doubt on the ability or willingness of the local security forces to control the situation.

A grenade attack on a crowd of supporters of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide Thursday and a vicious street battle between pro and anti-Aristide factions Friday left at least 12 people dead and scores wounded.

The bloodshed drew criticism that the 20,000-strong U.S. operation to restore democracy in Haiti was failing to do its job either through indifference or fear of the political fallout from U.S. fatalities.

The main protagonists of the violence are believed to be hundreds of "attaches," paramilitary units closely associated with the Haitian army and police, and militants of the pro-military Front for Advancement and

Progress in Haiti (FRAPH). "FRAPH is an illegal party, anti-democratic, that foments violence," Mr. Schra-

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyp-

tian police seized control of

led Al Ahrar housed on the

fourth floor of the building.

were arrested, eyewitness

Gamal Abdul Aziz from the

Centre for Human Rights

Police armed with tear-gas

surrounded the building in

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moved furniture and air-

conditioners from the party's

fifth floor offices, according

The eviction case began

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er, Abul Anein Abdul

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party. After drawn-out legal

proceedings, the party's

appeal was finally rejected on

Police had surrounded the

building before the court

ruled its verdict, Zakaria

Khidr, Al Ahrar's news edi-

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which lasted more than three

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The tear-gas was not used but both sides hurled abuse.

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Egyptian police seize

opposition party HQ

ger said. In Washington, President Bill Clinton's Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said: "We are going to be a little more aggressive about insuring that we try to push the policies to get the Haitians to disarm those military factions that are still out there.

Mr. Panetta told CBS Television: "The effort is really going to be aimed at working with the Haitians to do that, to ensure that they are pursuing a much more aggressive policy about dis-arming." He did not provide further details.

Senator Christopher Dodd, who has just returned to the United States from Haiti, told CBS Television's 'Face the Nation" that U.S. troops would disarm paramilitary groups and take their

leaders into custody.
"They'd like to do it working with the Haitian armed. forces because they want to work with some of these responsible elements ... but if that doesn't work out they're going to disarm them one way or another," he said.

Mr. Dodd said there was

no need to detain every paramilitary member because "if you can get the top people and isolate them... the structure falls apart."

U.S. soldiers disarmed Haiti's small naval base and seized private caches of arms in the area west of the capital

Also Saturday, U.S. soldiers took dozens of shotguns and other firearms from a food warehouse belonging to a pro-army businessman after private guards there fired repeatedly on hundreds of would-be looters gathering outside. Seven people, including two children, were wounded by the gunfire.

The arms seized at the

included semi-automatic Reporters saw soldiers search seven private locations, but U.S. military spokesmen said they did not have any information on other seizures.

The U.S. soldiers, in Sheridan tanks, met no resistance, said U.S. Navy Lieutenant Mark McCaffrey.
"We're just trying to make

a stable environment out there for the future of Aristide," Lt. McCaffrey told the Associated Press. The naval base recently

had been used as a training centre for pro-army militias. Lt. MacCaffrey said Americal soldiers confiscated 119 M-1 rifles, three M-60 machine guns, 11 other machine-guns, 11 assault weapons, 39 bolt-action or recoilless rifles, 13 cases of tear-gas grenades and four cases of ammunition.

Unlike the regular army and police, Haiti's poorly equipped navy, which has about 165 sailors, usually is not involved in repression.

The Killick base is named after a Haitian admiral who in 1902 blew himself up in his ship to avoid turning the ves-, sel over to a German gunboat which had demanded its surrender. When U.S. troops invaded Haiti in 1915, the first wave landed at the Bizo-

Local radio reported that American soldiers took sacks, possibly containing weapons, from a hotel. The Hotel Voyager is owned by a paramilitary trainer and member of army chief Raoul Cedras' private "Ninja" security force. The man was detained by American troops Friday. The car he was riding in was full of automatic weapons and chargers.

Former FIS leader to head armed group

Kuwait, two of Egypt's allies, the Cairo headquarters of the in favour of Iran and Iraq. He was released on bail, Islamic opposition party Al Ahrar on Sunday after a long but charged with disseminatlegal battle to evict it from ing false information thre-Four journalists from the atening state security and its party's mouthpiece, also calrelations with friendly coun-

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attacking Saudi Arabia and

rincen journa party newspaper Al Ahrar, which has offices in the same building, said they were going on hunger strike after eight of their colleagues were arrested for staging a protest in the party premises.

The liberal party occupied three flats while its newspaper has three other flats in the same building.

Juvenile detention

The Egyptian organisation for Human Rights said Sunday that at least 28 juveniles were being held in an adult prison in southern Egypt and that some claimed they were tortured.

It urged the government to move the boys, most aged 15 to 17 but one who is just 12, to juvenile institutions and to try them or release them. It noted keeping juveniles in an adult prison violates international conventions and Egyp-

Spokesmen at the interior ministry, which is responsible for internal security, were not available for comment. In the past, Egyptian officials have refused to comment on reports by the Egyptian group, which it says has no official

The organisation, an independent group that monitors human rights abuses, said in a statement that the youths had been detained on charges ranging from spying on police to membership in the out-lawed Al Gamaa Al Isla-



ALGIERS (Agencies) — A former leading member of the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Mohammad Said, has been named head of the Armed Islamic Group, the organisation that has claimed several killings of foreigners, a GIA statement

said Sunday. Said takes over from Cherif Gousmi, also known as Abu Abdullah Ahmad, who was killed by Algerian secur-

ity forces last Sunday. The text, signed by Gous-mi's deputy Djamel Zitouni, said the GLA would continue on "the path of jihad (holy war) and martyrdom" until it brought about the "establish-

ment of the law of God." Mr. Zitouni, a member of the notorious "death falange," will remain as deputy leader under Said, the

statement said. It confirmed the official announcement of Gousmi's death "in a clash with the impious enemy," referring to Algerian security forces under the present military

A former teacher of literature from the predominantly Berber Kabylia region, Said – real name Lounes Belkacemi - joined the GIA in May and was named head of the GIA "caliphate," or goveroment.

During the 1980s Said preached as an imam at the Al Akram Mosque in Algiers. He replaced FIS President Abassi Madani after his arrest in June 1991. and was himself arrested and held for a few months by the Algerian authorities.

In December 1991 he was elected to parliament for the FIS in the first round of elections that the government subsequently annulled. Until the annulment he was generally seen as a moderate, in favour of non-violence. His defection to the GIA

was confirmed by the FIS in July.
The choice of Said to head the GIA was seen as expressing the organisation's intention to share out responsibilities between a "political" leader, Said, and a "military"

chief, the 26-year-old Mr. Zitouni was seen as the organiser of the Aug. 3 attack in the 'Ain Allah district of Algiers in which five Frenchmen — three gendarmes and two consular offi-

cials — were killed.

Jordan in Asian Games in Hiroshima

HER ROYAL Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein leads the Jordanian team carrying the Kingdom's flag during the opening ceremony of the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan, on Sunday. Princess Haya, who

has made her mark in sports in the Arab World, is taking part in the equestrian events of the Asian Games in Nearly 8,000 students,

musicians and dancers took part in the opening ceremony of the Hiroshima event, the biggest and most impressive Asian Games in history (Asian Games launched as Hiroshima pleads for peace, page 10) (AFP



International fertiliser | PNA says all Awqaf conference opened

AMMAN (J.T.) — Industry and Trade Minister Rima Khalaf Huneidi said Sunday that Jordan had sufficient phosphate and potash to supply a large number of nations with their needs of

Over the past decade the Kingdom has worked hard in developing its fertiliser industry and has achieved major successes in this regard, said Dr. Huneidi at the opening of the 25th meeting by the Inter-national Fertiliser Industry Association (IFA) in Am-

The conference, which is attended by delegates from 40 nations, also involves the participation of regional and international organisations. Jordan is striving to lay the

foundation of a strategy based on close cooperation with friendly nations in production and distribution of fertilisers in world markets, standing in for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan at the meeting.

The fertiliser industry was adversely affected by political and economic changes around the world in the past decade, but this industry is expected to floursih in the coming stage in view of the need for food production to suffice the evergrowing world population — forecast to be 5 billion tonnes by the year 2030 — said the minister.

Sameh Madani, Chairman of the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Coordination Committee, addressed the meeting outlining phosphate production in Jordan as far back as 1930.

Mr. Madani, who is also director general of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC), told the audience that Jordanian phosphate mostly mined at Al Hassa and Abiad Mines - was of

very high quality. He noted that the Shidieh mine, which is being developed at present, was ex-מו כב.ל שטעום סוו בים lion tonnes annually by the year 1995 and six million in

staff under its control

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Palestinian National Authority (PNA), now views all employees of Islamic holy sites and institutions as coming under its jurisdiction, a Palestinian official said on Sunday.

Palestinian sources said the decision about control of employees of the Awqaf (Islamic) endowments), taken on Saturday, included those working in East Jerusalem. Jordan last month said it

was relinquishing control of Muslim holy sites and endowments in the West Bank but keeping control of those in Jerusalem, where it has played special historical role. A high-level Palestinian

delegation is due to visit Jordan this week to discuss Jerusalem and other issues.

"The decision now includes all exployees," Sheikh Hassan Tahboub, appointed by the Palestinian National Authority to supervise Musum noiv sites, told Reuters

Adnan Al Husseini, head of the Awqaf department in Jerusalem, was not im-

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mediately available for comment. Employees in his office said they could not comment on whether they were now administered. by Jordan or the Palestinian authority. The Islamic endowments in

the West Bank employ a total of 2,400 officials, including judges in Islamic 'Shari'a courts and teachers in Islamic At least 40 officials work in

Islamic courts in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem-based Al Quds newspaper on Sunday quoted Mohammad Abu Sirdanah, a senior official for Islamic affairs in the Palestinian authority, urging offi-cials not to hand over their seals of office to Jordanian appointed officials in Jeru-

Mr. Sirdanah said a "Charge d'affaires" for the Jordanian Awqaf in Jerusalem had asked all judges and clergy to hand over their

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in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, President Bill Clinton conceded that he may have met the woman in a hotel room and said he regretted "untrue assertions" made about her. Ms. Jones' lawyer said Saturday. Joseph Cammarata disclosed the draft of a statement by Mr. Clinton which the president's lawyer faxed to Ms. Jones lawyers last May in an attempt to stave off a lawsuit. The settlement talks delayed the filing of the lawsuit, but negotiations collapsed when White House sources were quoted on television as saying that the delay was due to Ms. Jones' not having a case. According to Mr. Cammar-ata, Mr. Clinton's draft statement says: "I do not chal-lenge" Ms. Jones' "claim" that the two met in a room at the Excelsior Hotel in 1991, aithough "I have no recollection" of it. "I may very well have met her in the past." "She did not engage in any improper or sexual conduct' and "I regret the untrue assertions which have been made about her conduct which may have adversely challenged her character and good name," it added, according to Mr. Cammarata. It has been known previously that Mr. Clinton offered a statement to settle the matter, but its terms were not known. The New York Times magazine first obtained the text of the statement, for a story on Mr. Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett being published Sunday. Ms. Jones alleges that while she was a state worker attending a public function at the hotel. Mr. Clinton dispatched a state police officer to summon her to a room where he then suggested she engage in a sexual act with him. She said she declined. Mr. Clinton's supporters have suggested Ms. Jones made up the story.

Mao was 'a

appeared easy-going but was in fact a merciless tyrant and philanderer, the late leader's personal doctor said in an interview published Sunday. Dr. Li, Mao's personal doctor from 1955 until the leader's death in 1976, currently lives in Chicago and has made several attacks on Mao since moving to the United States. "In outer appearance," Mao was very easygoing... but when you stayed longer with him, you found that he was a merciless tyrant who crushed anybody who disobyed him," he told the New York Times. He also said Mao was an unprincipled ladies' man who thought an active sex life prolonged longevity and lured numerous women to sleep with him while at the same not bothering to get treatment for his' veneral disease. "If it's not hurting me, then it doesn't matter," he said. The higher officials lived like an imperial court, decadent, selfish and intriguing against one another, Dr. Li told the Times. "He (Mao) saw everybody as a subject, a slave. The mistake of those who got purged was to see themselves as equal to him," Dr. Li said. Mao ruled China from 1949 until his death and built up a huge personality cult in China, being revered by millions of Chinese and still officially lauded by the current regime. The doctor said that far from being a hardworking state leader, Mao lived idly, never changing out of his dressing gown for weeks, unaware of time and often summoning his doctor after midnight. He never baths but ordered his bodyguards to wipe him down with hot towels, Dr. Li said. He also refused to brush his teeth, claiming that "a tiger never brushed his teeth." The doctor, whose earlier claims in a BBC Television interview that Mao had shown a penchant for little girls caused a row between London and Beijing, has published his latest account in a book entitled, The Private Life Of Chairman Mao. The Times said U.S. experts on the former Chinese regime said the book backed up

what they already knew.

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Saudi cleric bans dissident statements

DUBAI (R) - A leading Saudi Arabian preacher on Sunday issued a religious edict against the publishing of statements by a London-based Saudi opposition group. Sheikh Abdullah Ben Abdul Rahman Al Jibrin, a member of Saudi Arabia's Committee of Religious Edicts, said statements by Mohammad Al Masaari should "not be distributed or published in any way." Mr. Masaari is a leader of the banned Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia (CDLR) which was set up in 1993 by ultra-conservative Saudi religious figures and was declared illegal by Sandi religious leaders. The CDLR statements are all signed by Mr. Masaari, a physics professor who the group says spent six months in detention in Saudi Arabia before going to London earlier this year. The group had said that Sheikh Jibrin was one of its founders but the sheikh, soon after the group was made public, said he did not learn of it until after it was formed.

3 killed in Egypt as strikers, police clash

CAIRO (R) — Three people were killed and at least 40 were wounded on Sunday in clashes between police and striking workers in northern Eygpt, security sources said. A further 75 people were arrested for inciting a riot after the unrest in the industrial town of Kafr Al Dawwar, on the outskirts of the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria. They said 300 workers at the state-owned spinning and weaving company were protesting over pay and working hours. Three workers werre killed in the incident and 29 were hurt. Eleven policemen were also reported injured. There were no further details.

Berber raily demands release of singer

ALGIERS (AFP) - More than 100,000 Berber demonstrators threatened insurrection Sunday unless suspected Islamic fundamentalist kidnappers released singer Lounes Matoub, throwing down the gauntlet to extremists. The rally was held in the northern Algerian town of Tizi-Ouzou. The crowd demanding the release of Mr. Matoub, a popular Berber singer, gathererd at the instigation of the Berber Cultural Movement (MCB). Outrage at the kidnapping eclipsed the MCB's other demand for the recognition of the Berber's Tamazight language.

Israelis strafe resistance trails

SIDON (AP) - Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships blasted infiltration trails used by guerrillas Sunday, foiling an attack on Israel's self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon, security sources reported. They said tanks and Howitzers pounded one track in the Jabal Al Rafih area in Iqlim Al Tuffah when a guerrilla squad was spotted moving towards the Israeli-occupied enclave at 9:30 a.m. (0730 GMT). The sources said two Cobra helicopters later machine-gunned the area and other trails in the highlands of Iglim Al Tuffah, a stronghold of Hizbollah.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Islamic Action Front (IAF) on Sunday nominated Abdullah Akaileh as its candidate for speakership of the Lower House of Parliament, spokesman for the IAF said Sunday.

Gulf Air to resume Bombay flights

MANAMA (R) — Bahrain-based Gulf Air said on Sunday it would resume flights to and from Bombay but would use Bahrain only as a transit point. "Gulf Air would like to announce the reinstatement of its flights between India and the rest of the world using Bahrain as a transit point only, effective from today," a company statement said.

Kuwait MP: Islamists are not terrorists

KUWAIT (R) - A Muslim fundamentalist member of parliament (MP) has told a Kuwaiti newspaper that local Islamists have no ties with Muslim militants elsewhere in the Middle East. "The only connection between terrorism and Islamic groups is the one made by the Islamists' enemies," Sunday's Al Watan quoted MP Mubrak Al Duwailah as saying. "We say they should try to prove some of this. We are sure they can't, because there is no

Turkey threatens Greece with war

ANKARA (R) — Turkey has threatened Greece with war if Athens extends its territorial waters in the Aegean Seainto Turkish territory, Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal said on Sunday. Mr. Soysal said he issued the warning to his Greek counterpart, Karolos Papoulias, while both were attending the United Nations General Assembly last week.

Hogg visits Syria to boost trade ties

DAMASCUS (AFP) - British Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hogg arrived Sunday in the Syrian capital for a three-day visit aimed at bolstering economic ties between the two countries. Mr. Hogg was greeted by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nasir Kaddur and was to meet several ministers during his visit. "This is the third time I have been to Syria and the purpose is to continue to build up relations between the British and Syrian governments, and to talk about regional problems," Mr. Hogg said on his arrival.

Fighting continues in Somali capital

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Heavy inter-clan fighting continued for the second day running on Sunday in the southern part of the Somali capital, U.N. military spokesman Major Rick McDonald announced here, Maj. McDonald told a press briefing here that intensive fighting erupted again along Madina and Uganda streets south of Mogadishu, in which rocket propelled grenades and recoilless rifles were used.